

Keeper of the Debtors
Apartment in the City of
New York.

Treasury Department.
Trenton 19th Sept. 1798.

Sir,

It having been represented to me that the Contagious
Feaver which afflicts the City of New York, has lately appeared
within the Prison, or Debtors Apartment, and believing
that neither Justice or Humanity will justify the close
Confinement of Prisoners in a Situation which must unavoidably
Expose their Lives to the greatest Danger, I have concluded
it to be my Duty to authorize you to permit Jose Joaquim
Da Costa, and William Duer, who are confined under your
Custody for Debts due to the United States to reside at any
Place within the Liberties of the Prison during the Continuance
of the present Contagious Disorder.

The Condition on which this Permission may be granted
shall be, "That the Parties respectively do sign a Written
Engagement that they will not depart beyond the Limits of
the Privileges of the Prison, and that they will return to
Confinement when required after the present Contagious
Feaver shall have Ceased. It must however be well understood
that this Permission is to be considered as only removing
any Obstacles ~~which may arise~~ arising from Suits com-
menced against Mr. Da Costa, or Mr. Duer for Debts
due to the United States, and by no means to render the
United States Responsible, for any Debts, or Suits Com-
menced by Individuals - The Situation of Mr. Da Costa is
much regretted as a Petition is depending for his Discharge
the hearing of which has been delayed by the Collector for the
District of New York solely on account of the present Malady.
I Enclose a warrant for Discharging Gery, Isaac, and Henry A.
Williams pursuant to the Act of Congress of Jan 6th 1798.
I am, Sir, with Consideration, Sir, your Most Obedt. Servt.
Saml. O'Brien Wolcott

Trucks 19-4 Sep.

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The Keeper of the Debtors Department
for the City and County of New York.

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