

New York 25 March 1792

Dear Sir -

The Moment I reciev'd Information of poor Duer's stopping payment I apply'd to Walker to know the particular State of the Funds of the manufacturing Society - since this a Mercer & John Nelson from Greenwich having called upon me to consult we have had an informal Meeting of such of the Directors as were in Town & find the State of the Funds to be as follows - 50. Thousand Dollars paid to John Dewhurst in Bills drawn by Alexander Macomb and remitted by Dewhurst for the purpose of importing a Quantity of Cotton Cloths from England - I am not without my Fears - (all I say to you is in Confidence and I shall therefore speak with the greater Freedom) that this Money will be misapplied. I doubt the Integrity of the man & he was constituted the agent upon this Occasion in defiance of what little Influence I had in the Committee & Interest against him - 5. Thousand Dollars have been paid to Walker about Three Thousand of them expended the Residue subject to the warrants to be drawn upon him by Duer for the purposes of the Society - 10th Thousand Dollars paid to Duer - who has given the most solemn assurances and which he repeated to me yesterday that he will at the next meeting of the Directors lay

before them an account with proper vouchers of
his expenditures to amount of about 5 thousand
Dollars - and pay them the Balance in money
the residue of the Stock of the Society is loaned to
Alexander Macomb for one year at 7% & that upon
his Bond with deferred Debt at 14% in the bond
to be transferred at the opening of the Office - as a
collateral Security - we agreed that as it would be
impossible in the present state of things to command
the Attendance of the New York Directors at
Brunswick the Jersey Directors should meet there
on the first Tuesday in April next adjourn to New York
to come there arrange all that is to be done &
go over to the Stock to complete the Business of the
Meeting - during my visit to New York yesterday in
Jail, I suggested to him in very delicate terms &
applying to his own feelings of the propriety of
resigning his appointments as Governor & that as a
Director of the Society this he refused in most positive
terms to do - telling me he had that morning been
applied to by a Mercer on the same subject this reason
for refusing was that he has the Institution much
at heart & so clearly that local views will govern

upon his resignation - to you I say that in the present
state of his affairs & person his continuance as either
Governor or Director is in my opinion not only
extremely ridiculous but dishonorable to him &
disgraceful to the Society - If you see the propriety
of his resigning - you will advise him to the measure
and I trust he will take your advice - If he refuses
it is in the power of the Directors to supersede his
appointment or suspend his functions as Governor
and ought they to call a meeting of the Stockholders
to choose another Director - He has signed about one
fourth can we appoint another person to sign
the residue of the Scrip the Stockholders are
extremely impatient to have them give me if
you please, such communications as you wish
for the information of the Directors - we all look
up to you for your advice

you will I am sure do every thing in
your power that can be warranted by the principles of
Prudence & Discretion to contribute to the Support of
Public & private credit in this alarming state of it
it seems to me that the Bank of the United States with
its Branch in this City might agree with the Bankers
of North America and of New York that upon this

anying Occasion & for a limited period say for 6. 9
or 12 Months. Their whole Specie fabricae shall be
as a common Stock to be applied to the aid & support
of each other - that by this means Discounts might
be extended very considerably without fear of a Run
upon either - The Specie now in all the Vaults the
aggregate Sum will remain none can be wanted
to send to any other parts of the Union, nor for
Remittances to Europe while Bills are so low and
whatever Projects may have ^{been} formed by some
Individuals among ourselves heretofore for draining
the Vaults no Man who shall be detected in them
hereafter will be permitted to live in this City -

Besides Quær - John Bush & Royce
Hilts are gone to Jail - John Perkins & George Knox
absconded - Walter Livingston stopped Payments
Brockholst told me last Evening - that Quær has
executed a Bond in Judgment to Walter for £160,000
which yesterday was entered upon the Dockets here & will
be in other States where Quær has real Estate - that Quær
had written to Walter yesterday forbidding the payment
of all Notes given by him to Walter upon which Moneys
were obtained at usurious Interest, he informed me