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Commissary Generals Office

Phil<sup>a</sup>, July 1. 1814.

Sir,

On the settlement of French Coxes accounts as late Purveyor; the accountant of the war Department reported the sum of \$7300 Dollars, due from Robert Harris Jun<sup>r</sup> of this city, being the amount of three advances made by Mr Cox to the said Harris on account of medicines &c to be furnished by him to the United States. Harris having failed, his assignees were written to, and the amount demanded of them. They were of opinion that the whole, or at least a part of the above sum had been accounted for by Harris, nevertheless they retained in their hands \$7300 Dollars to meet the final result, assuring me that whatever sum, might be found due the U. S. after a careful examination, should be promptly paid. They have been able to  
account



account, by the delivery of Medicines &c for the  
sum of \$4,249,  $\frac{22}{100}$  Dollars; leaving a balance due  
to the United States of \$3,050,  $\frac{78}{100}$  Dollars, which  
ought to be promptly paid out of the fund  
originally reserved for the settlement of this  
Account.

The Assignees now suggest a difficulty, viz  
that they are not legally authorized to pay  
this balance, unless a suit is instituted &  
the amount, awarded by the decision of a  
Court & Jury. The object of this communication  
is to ascertain how far the opinion of the  
Assignees is correct.

Very respectfully

I am Sir

Yr. ob<sup>t</sup> Servant

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I understand, that there is no doubt, respecting the balance of  
3,050: <sup>78</sup>/<sub>100</sub> due to the United States; and, in point of law, there can be  
no doubt of the right of the United States to a priority of payment. If, under these  
circumstances, the Apaches refuse to pay, I am of opinion,  
that, so far from being justifiable, they will be liable for the  
costs of a suit, personally, without recourse to the trust estate, for a reimbursement.

I am, very respectfully,

*A. J. Dallas*

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2 July 1814.

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Com. Gen.



For the Anniversary Dinner

James Robert, 1814

Philadelphia.

Attorney at Law,

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