

Ministry been in the field to experience the troubles and dangers you encountered and surmounted, you never had been superseded. Unhappy for our national cause that you retired from command, since which period we have it to lament that the British interest seems to be too much absorbed in indolence and inactivity.

As you, Sir, best know of any man alive, the alacrity and perseverance with which I always contributed my poor but best services, and finally lost my all in the British cause, I could not appeal to any other person equally enabled to do my loyal behaviour common justice, and, I am convinced, more heartily disposed to give a humane recommendation of me to my good king and country for removing the many calamities I did and do suffer, in common with some other loyal American refugees who have not been rewarded according to merit.

I am, with every sense of gratitude and esteem,

HONOURED SIR,

Your much obliged and very humble servant,

JOHN M'ALPINE.