

their *friends and allies*, for it would have been madness, or insult in them, to have granted your enlargement for such a purpose. They gave freedom to your tongue in the senate, but not “liberty to your arm in the field;” and it would have been neither honourable in you to have drawn your sword, nor in this country to have accepted of your services.

In your second letter addressed to Mr. Jenkinson, “you apprehend that if you are not liable to be tried for a breach of the orders you received, you are not subject to the orders themselves.” This proposition is entirely false. You cannot undergo a trial, because your condemnation might interfere with the rights of our enemies—rights founded upon the law of nations;—but while you are within the jurisdiction of the Crown, you are bound to military obedience, so far as it does not militate against the law of nations, and to civil obedience in conformity to the law of the land.—There is a degree of absurdity, when you talk of being willing to undergo a trial for this imputed disobedience, at the same

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