

army (you inform Lord Barrington), attached to you by a series of misfortunes and conflicts sustained in common, would not find material consolation from your return in disgrace," Your disgrace would, at any rate, become known to your troops, and as you considered that this might cause dissatisfaction, or excite resentment, it was more incumbent upon you, by your presence, to have prevented your particular wrong from operating to the detriment of your country, and to have given their affection for you, the effect of an attachment to their duty.

When you tell us " that you intended to fight your own regiment in case of an invasion," I imagine such conduct would have been entirely inconsistent with your present situation. You applied to the Congress for permission to return to this country, that you might represent the situation of your army, and vindicate your own character. Permission was granted to you, in order that you might accomplish the purposes which your application expressed. But surely the Congress did not mean that you should have liberty to fight against
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