

time, the same mark of distinction may be conferred upon one, who, under your circumstances, will not observe your conduct; who being equally unfortunate, will not be equally upright.

I have now gone through the substance of your letter; and after what I have written, it would be superfluous to add, how little I think it calculated to remove any prejudices which your conduct has occasioned.—You will observe, Sir, I have confined myself merely to an examination of the complaints which you make; and how far those complaints appear to be founded. I shall not even now attempt to criminate you in the first degree. How far you may be impliedly guilty, I leave to implication to decide. If it be said, that you have acted as every brave and gallant officer would have done in a like situation, I must request your attention for a few minutes longer.

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