

martial, it is fit that that officer should be excluded from the only place where he can defeat the course of justice, by interesting humanity and compassion in his behalf; where, by an address to the passions of his Sovereign, he may elude the pursuit of his country, and arm that prerogative in his favour, which, when properly exercised, becomes the most amiable interposition of the Crown. On the other hand, no bad consequences can happen to him from a temporary exclusion from the royal presence. The sentence of a court martial will determine faithfully upon his merits, and restore him to honour, or doom him to disgrace. The voice of his profession, if heard in his favour, will call him to the possession of every suspended privilege; and with such a decision upon his side he cannot be dishonoured by the royal frowns; and if admitted to the royal favour, even in the presence of sovereignty, he may feel himself ennobled.

But we are given to understand, that the true reason of the order you received not to appear at Court, was "an apprehension upon the part of the American Secretary, that you might lay before your Sovereign what information you was possessed of, and which would