

and his real zeal for the cause in which his country was engaged.

For the justice of this praise, I refer to your own sentence, when you shall have perused the Strictures, and the answer to them. For the *last*, I claim the indulgence which is due to the pen of a soldier ; fairly and honestly, yet warmly, engaged in the cause of truth and friendship.

Though I blush not oftener than my neighbours, yet I trust it will be understood that I submit these remarks, with all becoming modesty, to you, Gentlemen, to whom I have the honor of addressing myself ; to a tribunal who have already had opportunities of judging me ; and before now have probably passed decision ; to whom I would willingly

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