TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL DE LANCEY.

Portland Place, June 3, 1786.

SIR,

HAVING maturely considered the importance of the investigation, in which the Commissioners for auditing the Public Accounts are at present engaged; and the letter you have written to me, in consequence of their precept, (requiring authenticated copies of all orders issued by the commanders in chief in North America for regulating the department of Quarter-master General) I feel myself called upon by every principle of duty, not only to enable you to obey their mandate, as far as relates to my commands,