

defy malice to shew an instance wherein they have not encouraged ardour in their profession. They contemplate with one and the same sentiment the great supply of honourable men to occupy their places.

You, Gentlemen, stand high in that description; your trials have made you of sterling value; and perhaps it will be better discerned by men in power, when no longer viewed through the unfavourable medium of my friendship. If my exhortations retain their former weight, let me be permitted earnestly to apply them upon this occasion. The examples of generals or admirals who decline employment, respect only similar cases; your honour is secure: look not at professional disappointments; but point all your views to the true glory of your King and country, and trust for the reward.

*O socii (neque enim ignari sumus ante Malorum)*

*O passi graviora: dabit Deus his quoque finem.*

This passage will bring to the remembrance of some among you a hard hour when we before quoted it together, and not without some *cheer of mind*.— May the end of your enduring be near! And with every other wish and sentiment that can denote esteem, I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most faithful and most obedient

humble servant,

*Hertford-Street,*

*Jan. 1, 1780.*

J. BURGOYNE.

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