

name, as a military servant, I meant submission. Your letter, Sir, instead of an order for my future conduct is an unjust reproach of my past ; for which I humbly implore of his Majesty and firmly demand of his councils, trial by a court-martial. Should that be refused or procrastinated upon the principle formerly adopted, “ that in my present situation “ no judicature can have cognizance of my “ actions ;” I can then consider the purport of your letter, Sir, in no other light than that of a dismissal, a dismissal as conclusive as any you could have worded in form, and perhaps more poignant. To eat the bread of the Crown however faithfully earned, under a sentence, without appeal, in the name of the King, of neglect of duty and disobedience of orders, is incompatible with my conception of honour ; an interdiction from my country ; a banishment to the only part of the world in which I am disabled from serving that country at the moment of her fate ; and when every other arm, even to the weakest is pressed to her defence ; these circumstances give a critical barbarity to the intentions of the King’s advisers, that an English soldier cannot support. Therefore, Sir, I find myself compelled, if not allowed an early trial, or by the King’s grace, upon this representation, restored to a capacity of service, through your official channel to request his Majesty, to accept of my resignation of my appointment upon the
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