

request of that nature without more powerful support than I can now expect, after the loss of almost all my friends. Should His Grace the Duke of Portland think me, however, worthy of that high honour, I should accept it with gratitude and do my best not to disgrace the appointment.

I have much more to say to your Excellency, but as I can have no certainty that this letter will ever reach you (having no means of sending it but by the common post through the States to New York), I shall defer it until the winter express. In the meantime should it fortunately reach your hands, I beg you will do Miss Russell [who survived him and got all his property] and me the honour of presenting our respects and best wishes to Mrs. Simcoe and accepting the most sincere regards of, dear sir,

Your Excellency's most faithful and obliged servant,

PETER RUSSELL.

His Excellency General Simcoe, etc., etc., etc.

[Wolford Manor Papers, Book 8, p. 410.]