

February 28th 1778Mr. Genl.
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Sir

General Desagu-
liere's to the King

It is with the most painful
reluctance that I presume to inform Your Majesty
that my infirmities are such, as to incapacitate
me from performing the duties of my Office in
attending Your Majesty's Person on horseback.
The wound I receiv'd in my head, has of late
caus'd such repeated ziddyness, that I have been
frequently very near dropping in Your Majesty's
Presence: about three months ago, on a visit, I
was seiz'd so violently with that disorder, that
I was depriv'd of my senses for some hours, and
could not be sent home untill the day following;
since that time, I have had some other,
almost fatal attacks, in the night; strong
exercis when I am ill, frequently brings them
on.

Permit me Sir, to express my most
grateful sense of all Your Majesty's goodness to

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me, and to add, that the sufferings of my
mind, are still superior to those of my body,
by feeling myself compell'd to the necessity
of taking this step.

As my utmost ambition
is to dedicate the remainder of my life to Your
Majesty's service, I propose living intirely at
Woolwich; at which place, if Your Majesty should
be graciously pleas'd to grant me an appointment
in lieu of that which I am unhappily oblig'd
to lay down; I shall then, not only be enabled
to live up to my rank; but humbly hope,
that I shoud have it in my power, to be

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of the utmost use in that department of Your Majesty's Service; which for near forty years, I have with unwearied application, endeavor'd to acquire a perfect knowledge of.

Your Majesty's
ever dutiful Subject
and Servant

Thomas Desaguliers.

Edward Desaguliers
February 20. 1792