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Fort St. George 17th September 1807

Sir,

I was honored with your letter of yesterday, conveying to me the sentiments of the Honble the Governor in Council upon the situation in which the Command of His Majesty and the Honble Company's Forces, is placed, through an uncommon conjuncture of circumstances.

The expressions, that the Government have been pleased to use, cannot fail to be most gratifying to my Feelings, and I can assure them, that they do me no more than Justice, when they declare their confidence in my not interposing any unnecessary obstacle to an adjustment of Command, that seems appropriate

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to the Military constitution of India. -

I am most anxious to fulfil
the desire of Government, but I am sure no rea-
-sonable mind will expect, that I should
make a sacrifice of the most important
consideration to my own Character, without
Reflection, or leave to chance the continuance
of a state already too painful to the Mind of
a Soldier, who before this moment never suffers
the approach of Shame or Oblivion. -

"It is my ardent solicitude" to
depart from India, at the first practicable
moment, but it rests with Government alone,
I am without the Power to give the Means

It has been my misfortune, which
I shall always lament, to fall under the
displeasure of the Honble Court of Directors,
and I have received at their Hands, the
severest Blow, they could inflict. I stand to
the view of the Army, a disgraced Officer -

It is a duty I owe to myself, to my Family, and
 character in the world, to cast aside the suppo-
 sition, that his Majesty has joined his Royal
 name to the act. I have been punished by
 the Honble Court of Directors, for the deeds of
 their own servants, placed about me by their
 special Appointment, who if there was Error,
 have deceived and misled me / a stranger / by
 a course of active and positive misrepresenta-
 tion, There is not a single Circumstance of
 supposed Crime, for which I suffer, that
 belongs to me. The whole whatever may be
 the measure of the wrong, has been the sole
 undivided act of the principal Staff of the
 Honble Company's Army. No man in India
 can deny it. my conduct / when character is
 attached, Language will sometimes rise to
 the Tone of Vanity and Pride / has been, as is
 on Proof through every Official document, one
 unvaried scene of Precaution and

Moderation

Moderation to the utmost Extent, that the limited wisdom of the human Mind could reach on the subject - with my Powers of defence in view, and this Feeling in my Heart, it is my fixed Resolution to throw myself at the Feet of the King, for Redress and Protection. I cannot, therefore while in India, resign the Station, in which His Majesty has placed me, the Removal from which, has in no way been communicated to me, nor will I forfeit, by "my own act," the Right to serve the King while I remain.

I have now to lay, in the strongest Terms, before Government, what I have expressed before, but I beg it may be repeated, in the most distinct Manner, that I am fully aware of the Power granted to them, of placing every Part of the Military Establishment, under such arrangements, as they shall think proper, and that It would be

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the last thought I could entertain, to oppose
any Obstruction to what may seem to be of
advantage to the Public Service, or, by any
Interference, create a difficulty, in the Command.

I have the honor to be

George Burtam Esq.
Secretary -

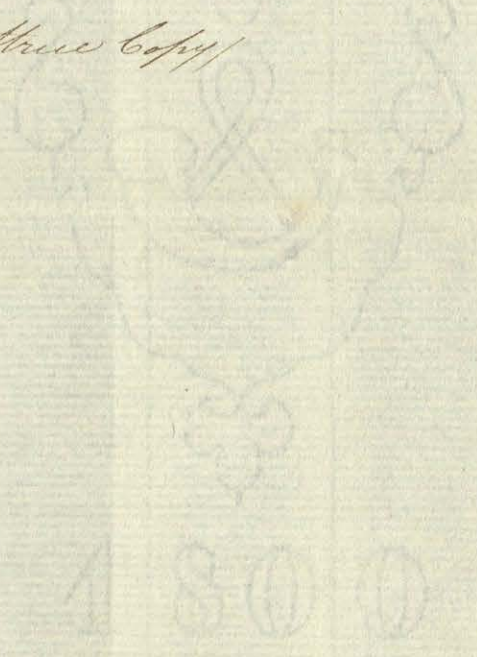
Sir,

Your most Obedt. humble servant,

Signed J. F. Crockett

Adjutant

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