

Colonel ⁴Northam
February 13. 1782

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It is with the sincerest & most Heartfelt Gratitude, that Colonel Northam most humbly presumes to return to His Majesty His most grateful Thanks for the very great Honour He has just been pleased to confer upon Him.

Unmerited, in point of Military Service, as that Honour is by Him, He cannot but receive it as His Sovereign's most gracious & most full Approbation of His Conduct in other Matters; This, as well as the unusually Flattering Manner of His being acquainted with His unexpected Good Fortune, cannot but improve upon His Mind the more strongly, how great a Duty He ever did, & ever must owe His Majesty, as a Subject, a Soldier, & an Officer!

Stachow Street
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[Faint, illegible handwriting on aged paper, possibly a letter or document.]