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Lord Dartmouth, the manner I parted with you was
the only one I can ever have towards you, as it must
ever be founded on the regard I have for your Virtues.
I shall ever gladly seize when in my Power the
opportunity of testifying my sentiments by the
honorable decoration you hint at. but at the
present hour you must yourself see the impossibility
of doing that which is the more mortifying as
I fear those vacant must be otherwise disposed of.
A Politician would have been less explicit but as
I pretend to nothing but honesty I thought it
best to express what I know I cannot do, and
what I shall eagerly embrace the opportunity
of performing when in my Power.

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