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Private,

My dear Lord,

As His Majesty will probably enquire into the reasons of my declining Service any longer on the Staff, I must beg to rely on your Lordship's experienced friendship to acquaint the King that from the situation I was in all last Summer unsupported, uninformed of every thing in matters relating to the district, and the Troops that were entrusted to my care and command by His Majesty's Orders; and for want of that confidence & communication that I thought I had some right to expect, where I was particularly concerned, & in the Station I was in, makes it impossible for me to carry on the King's Service,

with

with that Zeal, and to that effect which my duty calls for,
and which of course must be expected from me.

I assure you, my Lord, it is with the deepest
concern and the utmost reluctance, especially at this period of
time, to find myself indispensably obliged to take the step
I now do; But my feelings are such that when I see I
can be of no utility to my Country, or cannot serve with
the least credit to myself, I can no longer think of
receiving emoluments from the Government that I consider
myself undeserving of, for the reasons before stated.