

The hon<sup>ble</sup> Thomas Jefferson  
 Secretary of State  
 Philadelphia

Sir

The inclosed from Mr Thomas  
 Randolph jr will explain to you my wishes & situation  
 in the army of the United States, altho' I confess I have  
 no right to expect Promotion, (nor do I wish it) until I  
 have served sufficiently to gain a proper knowledge in the  
 Military line to entitle me to a superior rank. Yet wishing  
 to take advantage of any Vacancy which may happen, I have  
 forwarded the letter alluded to above to you, and sundry  
 others differently directed tending in some measure to the  
 same effect. My wish to remain in the Army induces me to  
 hope promotion, and a consciousness that no endeavours  
 of mine to merit the Recommendations herewith sent,  
 makes me hope to receive every benefit from the same

I have the honor to be with every sentiment of  
 Respect & Obedience  
 Your Obedient Servant  
 " L. Sydnor



Sydney Wm

recd Feb. 19. 93.

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