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A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM CAPTAIN ROBERT STEWART AND OTHERS

CAMP AT MAIDSTONE Novemr. 5th. 1756

SIR\

We are inform'd that a vacancy has lately happen'd in your Regiment, by the Resignation of Ensign Mc.Carty, and begs leave to Recommend the Bearer Mr Speake, a young Gentr. who has ever since he join'd us, made the study of his Profession the principal object of his care and attention; he has with chearfulness undertaken, and with the utmost Spirit and alacrity executed, every kind of Duty that has occur'd in the course of his Service, he constantly embrac'd every Opportunity of exposing himself to dangers and Fatigues, and with uncommon ardour and keenness sought after Action; he has on all Occacasions strickly adher'd to the principles of Virtue and Honour (as far as we are judges) which adds such a Lustre to his Genteel and unexceptionable behaviour as gives us very sanguine hopes of this Young Soldier; In fine we could say a great deal more in his favour, tho' perhaps not so much as is due to his Merit but that we judge it Superfluous to a person who seems to make a Point of doing Impartial justice to all who have the pleasure of serving under you, and the declaration you are was pleas'd to make in the General orders of last Jany. would render even this unnecessary did we not dread that

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a Multiplicity of Important affairs in which you are immers'd. might possibly make some things escape your memory, and give way to the Pressing Sollicitations of others whose Friends may be more assiduous and less remote, To this Mr. Speake and we wou'd willingly ascribe his being already superceeded by Mr. Lawson, As we are influenc'd by no other motive, than a regard to Merit and his Title of Seniority [which we conceive Justice has indespensably oblig'd us to remind you of it] We doubt not but your good Nature will readily enduce you to excuse this Trouble from them who have the Honr. to be

With great Respect Your most Obedt. & Most hume Servts. ROBERT STEWART
CHRISR: GIST JOHN CAMPBELL HENRY RUSSELL WM: CRAWFORD