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FROM CAPTAIN ROBERT STEWART.

AT DOCTOR WALKER'S IN ALBEMARLE COTY. Janry. 25th 1762

MY DEAR SIR

Soon after our last very mortifying Parting I was attack'd with a Rheumatism which confind me till some Time after I had the infinite pleasure to hear of your being so much recover'd as to be in condition to return home — So soon as I got able to ride I went to Petersburg where I put myself under the Direction of Doctor Jamison from whose skill I deriv'd considerable advantage and on the sitting of the last Assembly I returned to Williamsburgh where I had the further great satisfaction to hear of your being almost well —

You would no doubt have heard of the Proceedings of the last Assembly with regard to the Corps,¹ but tho' it was vastly short of our expectations yet we had the great satisfaction to see the most eminent Men in the Country warmly espoused our Cause which we esteem a propitious Omen that portends better Success in the next effort our Friends may exert in our Favour — we miss'd your Friendly Offices excessively — I would fain have applied for Liberty to have return'd to Camp by the way of Mount Vernon but as I was by various and unforeseen accidents detain'd from the Regiment much longer than I expected I could not with any Grace ask it — whenever we go to the right about which in all probability will happen in about two Months nothing shall rob me of the Happiness I promise myself from

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seeing you perfectly recover'd at your own House — I am this far in my way to Join the Regiment from whence I will do myself the pleasure to write you more fully —

That Heaven may Bless you with the Re-establishmt. of perfect good Health and confer on you every thing else that can contribute to compleat your Felicity are the most fervent wishes of him who ever is with the most perfect Esteem and unalterable Regard

My Dear Colonel Your most Affectionate & Most Obliged hble Servt. ROBERT STEWART

I Beg you'll be so good as to offer my Respectfull Compliments in the most obliging Terms to Mrs Washington

1 An Act for giving Recompense to the Officers of the Virginia Regiment. — “Whereas the regiment in the service of this Colony will shortly be disbanded, and the officers thereof, by their bravery, and the hardships they have undergone, have recommended themselves to their country, and therefore called on this general assembly for some recompense in consideration thereof, which deserves the attention of the publick, although it cannot in the present circumstances of the colony be proportioned to their merit, or the inclination of this assembly, Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governour, Council, and Burgresses, of this present General Assembly, and it is hereby enacted, by the authority of the same, that as soon as the said regiment shall be disbanded, John Robinson. Esquire, treasurer of this colony, or the treasurer for the time being, appointed by or pursuant to an act of assembly, shall out of the money now remaining in his hands, or that shall hereafter come into the treasury, arising from bills of exchange drawn or to be drawn in pursuance of an act of assembly made in the last year of the reign of his late majesty king George the second, entitled, An act for appointing persons to receive the money granted or to be granted by the parliament of Great-Britain to his majesty for the use of this colony, pay to the several commissioned officers of the said regiment hereafter named, that is to say, the honourable colonel William Byrd, lieutenant-colonel Adam Stephen, major Andrew Lewis, captains Robert Stewart, John McNeil, Henry Woodward, Robert McKenzie, Thomas Bulet, John Blagg, Nathaniel Gist, Mordecai Buckner, captain-lieutenant William Dangerfield, lieutenants William Fleming, Leonard Price, Charles Smith, George Woodon, Jethro Sumner, John Lawson, William Woodford, Joseph Fent, John Sallard, Thomas Gist, Alexander Boyd, William Hughes, David Kennedy, Robert Johnson, Walter Cunningham, William Cocke, Alexander Menzie, Larkin Chew, Reuben Vass, and John Cameron, ensigns Henry Timberlake, Philip Love, John Sears, Burton Lucas, David Long, Alexander McLangham, George McNight, and Surgeon John Stewart, one full year's pay, over and above what shall be due to them until the disbanding the said Regiment.” — HENING.