

favour, however <sup>violent</sup> some of the Patriots as they are called, think & persuade the People  
think otherwise, a Cause is not to be brought before His Majesty in Council with  
Money & an Agent; the People have repeatedly desired to be allowed an Agent for  
short time; Granting their Request His Lordship says would plunge him into a Sea  
of Trouble & therefore enjoyns me to take every Measure to prevent any thing of  
that sort; unless the People will put their Confidence in Mr Colcest & nominate  
him their Agent; this I am to recommend to them as warmly as possible but as it can  
be easily foreseen with what Indignation they would hear the proposal, I shall  
never act so impolitically as to give them a Hint of it. I am sorry to find that Mr  
Hanbury thinks himself in the least respect slighted or neglected by me I am sure  
I have endeavoured by many Letters to convince him of the contrary & that I  
highly esteem & value his Friendship, this you may depend I will continue to do  
but I begin to fear from what you intimate that he is not quite satisfied at my  
declining to prefer some persons who had procured his Letters of Recommendation  
I need not tell you what Motive will sometimes induce Merchants to give such  
Lett<sup>rs</sup> nor will you think it strange that I should not always see their Friends with  
the same Eyes that they do, but as far as I have been able I have endeavoured to  
oblige Mr Hanbury by serving his Friends tho' as I have before hinted my Superi-  
ours have seldom given me such Opportunities. I am exceedingly obliged to you  
for recommending me so warmly to Lord Loudon, whose safe & speedy arrival will give  
Joy to all His Majestys American Subjects, by your Description he is a Gen<sup>l</sup>  
that will please much, tho' not the more perhaps for being born in a Northern Climate  
The favourable Opinion you may have inclined him to entertain of me I shall by  
Letters & every other Method endeavour to confirm & improve, but as I have little Tra-  
vel to be fond of attending or making Court to Generals in America I hope I shall  
be excused for not paying my Respects to him personally, unless I should be fortunate  
enough to get such a Commission as I have already mentioned. I thank you for  
informing me how far Lord Albemarle interested himself in my favour, I embrace  
this Opportunity of making my Acknowledgments to him, & beg the favours of you  
to present or send him my Letter. To return again to the Army on the Footing of  
a Lieutenant Colonel with a Prospect of being obliged to serve many Years  
in that Capacity here where I have had a Govern<sup>t</sup> is not I think what I ought  
to desire especially if there is a glimpse of hopes that Success will some Day  
attend your Mins Solicitations on my behalf. I suppose General Shirley will  
never refuse a good Govern<sup>t</sup> but I much doubt whether he will at this time of  
Life