

the Province, whilst my continuing here can in ^{any} my ^{own} ^{opinion} tends to preserve its Tranquillity. My Resolution was, as the Letters you have of mine shew, to continue here whilst I could serve the Province; nor shall the indignities now offered to me alter it. I shall persevere in my

Line of Duty, by what I think the Rule of Rightness but not without some Chagrin at knowing myself unmeritedly the Object of Suspicion, altho' I have the Satisfaction to think that a considerable Part of the most respectable Persons in the Province entertain a very different Opinion of me, than is to be inferred from your proposed Arrest.

May I not challenge you to say to the War if any Troops have arriv'd at, or any hostile Measures been proceeded in against this Province, from any Request of mine, or Informations from me, to the Secretary of State? I have above told you my Resolution if continuing in my Station, as long as permitted;