

Lieut. Col. John B. ...

Sir

I am gratified that, this occasion affords me the opportunity, with the propriety of expressing my sentiments relative to your standing in the station, Government will justly entrust to your charge. In allusion to which, you did, in such soldier-like manner, and so politely call upon us to declare our objections or approbation. Sir, I have always deemed it of high importance and consideration, to have in view a man's endowments & acquirements different from the military, so essentially different - are the militia men from the regular trained troops who affixes only to the applause of his General and the approbation of his Country. The militia, are but temporary troops taken from the body of the people from their daily avocations in life, & may depend, for support, variety of interest, disposition and notions. At our time we are associating together as citizens all equal, & another