it will prove but the introduction to a more extended and continuous protection of our Colonies on this Coast.

Yours with other letters of condolement from my honored Friends were received, nothing perhaps confers a more melancholy pleasure on those labouring under afflicting bereavements, than the knowledge that there are kind friends who sympathize with them in their troubles. Expressions of it sometimes serve to recall painful emotions, yet they bring with them a gratifying remedy.

Losses of this nature are well calculated to try the very best and most determined principles, that mine have been tested I must confess. I have taken a careful and painful review of my course during the last twelve months and other duply lamenting the unfortunate destruction of my sanguine hopes of happiness, I yet could not have acted otherwise. I could not wilfully would not have resided in the U. States nor could I have left one of my ones there for whom affection was entertained. I would have sacrificed much very much to have averted danger, but my liberty would have been a sacrifice entirely too great.

Your obedient Servant

Samt. J. McGill

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