

It is to be regretted that the Board have not granted me my release from Office — it is a grievous disappointment to many of the Colonists as well as to myself. You have been informed that I should not abandon my mercantile pursuits, it would be easy for me to affect to do so, but I prefer openly retaining it. This is unconstitutional, and offensive to the Colonists.

I think I have long enough deferred my plans and arrangements for leaving the Colony, and cannot feel it my duty to remain here longer than September or October next; having apprized you of this, should the Board fail to confer the Agency on some one else, they could not justly censure me for transferring the Government of the Colony and the affairs of the Agency to those who are constitutionally recognized as the proper persons.

I have the honor to remain your Sir

Very Respectfully

Your obedient Servant
Saml. J. Mc Ghee
Capt. Md. St. Col. Soc.

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