

D^r SirShrewsbury Co. of Yorks
157 P.M.
25th Aug. 177798
I have mentioned, parti-
-cularly, to Mr. Doorman the situation
of the Fleet—

I intended writing to Col: Lloyd,
(but the Confusion we have been
in upon the appearance of the
Fleet has prevented) to request him
to acquaint the Governor & Council
that I, at present, look upon myself
as an Inhabitant of Maryland; and
as I cannot accept of a Command
under the State of Pennsylvania
& wish to take an active part, to
offer my service in the militia line
in this State— If you have an
opportunity of writing to the Governor
I beg you will mention it— But
as I may be looked upon as a Stranger
the appointment to a command may
give umbrage to some of the Officers.
If so, I would not choose to interfere
but shall endeavour to make myself
useful, in Camp, in another line—
I am, Dear Sir, with great Esteem yours

most obed^t Serv^t
John Paterson