(7) Cecilton 20th March 1776

Hon.d Sir/ The Bearer hereof, my son in Law and ward, Comes up to offer himself a volunteer in the Ser=vice of his Country — when the last troops were Raised he made application for a Commission, but as his particular friends were out of the Conven=tion at the time of appointing the officers he then failed — Should there be any more troops Raised in this Province (which at present appears but too Certain) as I have Reason to believe his behaviour will be such as will intitle him to your good Opinion, I shall hope for your Friendship towards procuring him a Commission in the army — you know his Estate is Con=siderable, which am persuaded will be one mighty Reason with those in power in the Choice of officers, I Can assure you he is a young man of sober and humane disposition with a turn of mind Capable of great improvement and I flatter myself will not want Spirit on the present occation — any friendship you may think proper to favour him with, in his promotion in the Continental or provincial Service, will meet with due Esteem and thank=full acknowledgment from

Hond Sir your most Obl Serv.t

Sam.l Love

N.B. Billy Coats brings with him a small sum of Gold that I have procured him that he received by General Dent — for which you will please give him other money

your Love

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