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Sir

I have been under great Uneasiness
lest the Publication of your Letter
to our Governor in one of our public
Papers, should appear to your Excellency
to have been directed by me; as it
was delivered to me in his Absence.
But I can assure you, that I should by
no means have permitted your Letter
with its Direction & Subscription &
have been published, had I known
that the Printers had a Copy of it, time
enough to have prevented it. One
of our Board favored Col. Mason, of the
15. Virginia continental Battalion, &
commanding Officer on this Station,
with the perusal of your Letter. The
Col. imprudently gave a Copy of it to the
Printers without my knowledge & one
of them not considering the Impropriety
of the Measure published it with your
Name. I hope therefore Sir you will
not look upon this Affair as proceed-
-ing from any Inattention to that

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