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Daniel of St Thomas Jenifer Esq^r

Sir

Several Gentlemen here are desirous to ent
me out in a Privateer from this place, my own inclination also leads me
having been accustomed to the sea service, we have taken great pains to get
a vessel fit for the purpose, and think we have succeeded, you'll receive enclos
the commission with which I was honoured, retaining the utmost gratitude an
respect for the public from whom I had it, I hope to have the testimony of my
Brother officers that I served with vigilance and attention, since my appointmen
and beg leave to assure you that no consideration would induce me to leav
the service but the hopes of being more usefull in another Department
I entered into the service a Volunteer and now quit it with regret I
look'd on the commission I held as a testimony of the public confidence an
esteem, and shall endeavour in my new capacity to merit the attention th
was paid me, I shall go to Philadelphia to morrow to purchase
such necessaries, as cannot be got here and make application for a Comm
for the Vessel, could I obtain a few lines from your honourable Council signy
that I was in the land service of this province, it would no doubt facilitate m
business and be of service to me, we are much distressed for Canvas, I hav
of none, private property to be had could your Hon^ble Council spare us a
would forward our Enterprize and enable us to set out with more expedi
than will be otherwise in our power

I am Sir

Your most Obed^t humble

James Campbell

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