believing he has but little Military knowledge
and lastly he has taken umbrage at me without
just cause — and perhaps might triumph in a
Refusal altho I hardly think he would because if
I was to sneak or cringe or beg an office from him
I might as others probably have meet his approba
tion, but I am not anxious for offices of that
kind I know well the duties that attach to the
office and had I been appointed should have
discharged them with energy —

I am at a loss to know from your communicati
on whether it is expected by the executive that I
am to make application to the Colⁿ — or what kind
of Information is particularly wanting — but so
far as relates to any Communication with the
Colonel on that subject I beg leave to decline I did
out of politeness mention it to the Major who seems
to approve of it further I cannot go

In my former communication in return of the
proceedings of the company I stated certain facts
which I hold my self responsible for — and
since the return of that enrolement upwards of twenty