on account of the United States, and to be settled and accounted for, by me, with the Auditors of the Southern Army, or with General Greene who has engaged to reimburse me.

The application of an Officers private money, to public uses, is attended with single disadvantages, as every day lessens the prospect of rewards for his services, diminishes the honor of his station, leaves his credit at stake, and hazards his private character in the hands of dissatisfied Followers.

These considerations, (amongst other reasons) I flatter myself will induce the Honble the Council to comply with my request,

I have the Honor to be,
With perfect Respect & Esteem,
Yr Excellency's
Mo Obdt Servt
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His Excellency
Governor Lee