honour to himself or advantage to the State.— his early and zealous sacrifices, the State of his private fortune, greatly impaired by them, apply to your generosity for such a provision, and I beg leave to recommend that the State of Maryland, either by themselves or by their intercession with the Congress, will be pleased to effect it.—

The other officer for whom I am to intreat your favours is Lieutenant Colonel Forrest: this Gentleman is no more able to continue his services in his regiment, and his holding a Commission in it precludes the appointment of another field officer, and throws all the hardships of the Duty upon the Major.— I need noticing, Gentlemen, how far the holding of Commissions by persons unable to discharge the functions annexed to them, is prejudicial to the Service; that Consideration, alone, would be a sufficient inducement to any measures tending to remove such an inconvenience, were not the circumstances of those officers such as strongly claim for the provisions which I make bold to request to be made for them.

With the highest respect I am

Honourable Gentlemen

Your Most obedient
And most humble servant
The Baron de Kalb. M. G.
Commanding Maryland Division