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My dear Sir

I have received your favor by Capt Lingan - the circumstances of the Legion does not permit me to ratify his rights & I may say mine since you recommend him - when last winter previous to my going to Feane I made the arrangement of the Legion I had two Captains which had been taken at Camden & were prisoners at that time - as I wanted like Sir Capt of the Legion to recruit themselves their company I had leave to appoint two Capt over the Complement in the establishment of that corps - they were to recruit their Company & Command them until the two Capt prisoners should be exanged, which has taken place now - the first Capt has retired & Capt Lafferne is promoted to the majority which renders the Legion exactly equal to its establishment — the Caracter you give to Mr Lingan would have

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