that Appointment I cannot reasonably expect to be continued, perhaps not named, if I am, the Object of this Letter will be attained, if you will be so obliging as to express my wish not to be continued - I have a proper Sense of the Honor of such a Vote in my favor, and if I could by any means accommodate my private Interests to a close Application to the Public Service I should anxiously wish a Continuance - but the Expence of a Separation from my family and an Opinion that a proper attention to the public Service will increase the necessity of my giving up my practice, added to my care Difficulty to make such Advances as my Expences would require, have determined me to decline being proposed - I have received your Letter by Mr. Thos. Jacques and will send it to Mr. Sim on his return from Prince Georges before next Court, I will apply to Mr. Shaaff Endeavour to make him do what is right - From a Confidence in your Friendship I have made the request contained in my Letter, which I hope you will excuse when with Sincerity I subscribe myself - with Sentiments of perfect Esteem & Respect

Dear Sir

Your affect. & obt. Servt.

Rich. D. Potts.

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