

Head Quarters at Newbury. 15th
March 1783

Gentlemen

By an anonymous summons, an attempt has been made to convene you together — how inconsistent with the Rules of propriety — how unmilitary — and how subversive of all Order and discipline! — Let the good sense of the Army decide! —

In the moment of this summons, another anonymous production was sent into circulation; addressed more to the feelings & passions, than to the reason & judgment of the Army. — The Author of the piece, is entitled to much credit for the goodness of his pen: — and I could wish, he had as much credit for the rectitude of his Heart. — For, as men see thro' different Optics, and are induced by the reflecting faculties of the Mind, to use different means, to attain the same End; the Author of the address, should have had more Charity, than to mark for suspicion, the Man who had recommended moderation & longer forbearance — or, in other Words, who should not think as he thinks, and act as he advises. — But he had another plan in view, in which Candor & Liberality of Sentiment, Regard to Justice, & Love of Country, have no part. — And he was right, to insinuate the darkest Suspicion, to effect the blackest designs —

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