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Sir

I beg leave through you to return my most hearty Thanks to the Honble Court, for the repeated instance of their Confidence, in again Electing me, one of their Delegates, to represent this State in Congress, I should be happy if it was in my power to serve them in this important Trust, to their satisfaction, but as I am fully sensible it is not, I must beg the favour of you Sir, to acquaint them that I am under the necessity of declining the Honour.

Give me leave at the same time to assure you that my Heart is so fully engaged in the Independency of America that I shall on all Occasions exert every Faculty in support of the Glorious Cause and shall at all times with the utmost
(Cheerfulness)

Cearfulness forego every private consideration
when it is in my power to serve the Public
in any manner consistent with the Honour
of my Constituents, & my own Reputation which
in Public Characters must ever be inseparable

I have the Honour to be with
the most profound Respect

Yr

Your Most Obedt &
Faithfull Servt

M. Whipple

Your Obedt Servant Weare