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Sir

I find by your favor p<sup>r</sup> Col:  
Downing, that the Hon<sup>le</sup> Court have  
repeated their desire of my serving  
them again Congress. It is difficult  
for me to withstand the sollicitations  
of a public Body, especially to serve  
in a cause in which my whole Soul  
is engaged, but still, a recent in-  
stance convinces me of the necessity  
of having the terms explicitly de-  
termined respecting expences, If it  
is meant the whole expences that  
I must be at in consequence of my  
engaging in the Business, I shall  
do myself the Honour to accept  
the appointment. I am with great  
Respect Your most Obedt<sup>t</sup> Servant  
Wm. Whipple

Letter from Genl Whipple  
10 Mar. 1778



Return to the

means the whole expression that

beginning in the month of March

to be made in the future.

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