

Sir

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My Short tarry at Exeter the other day, prevented me
from the pleasure. I should otherwise have taken in
conversing with you on that (once) fatal But since
happy evacuation of Teonocroga - The event was
no more than J at the time Predicted - The suspicion of
its then taking place I was always convinced of. And
do truly say whenever I Review that Marrowre, I do
it with the utmost Satisfaction. The Manner of the
Retreat I do not, nor ever did altogether like. But the
Secrecy of the Measure might have been the Cause -
The prejudices of some persons no doubt, are ^{as yet} at Maturity
I suppose you have frequently heard of the Losses
Sustained by the Troops Especially the Officers who
were there - I with the utmost Reluctance. Tell you,
Mine in Cloaths, could not be Replaced for 1000 Dollars
as things now are - My Linens would am't. to half
that sum - I should be glad to know whether any
Method is determined on For their payment -
Many Liberal Reflections have been thrown out
Against the Officers, who had the pleasure of being
in Council at Ty. By the Ignorant & Envious But
my Conscience always told me I was Right - I do assure
you these Reflections has sometimes had their Effect,
Notwithstanding if any thing should turn up
either in the Field or at home, in which I can be
of any Service to my Country or State - I stand at all
times Ready - Your Pleas to Accept of my best Re-
spects - And am
your most humble Serv
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Letter from Col^d Long
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Letter from Col. Pierce Long.

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