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To
His Excellence the President Laurens
at
Philadelphia
pro Dragoon

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Letter from Col Howats

Sep 19. 1778

Read 21 Referred to
Board of War

(Original in Libr. Congr.,
Copies of Continental
Congr. 2278, XIII, folio
487)

Honorable Sir:

as I have at present the
honour to serve the United States,
and my late Expedition against
the Indians, has brought me upon
the Thoughts to take the Liberty
to make a certain proposition
to the Honorable Congress concerning
a durable future Security against
the Indians and other bad fellows;
my long service abroad in
the Angierien and Prussian
service as a Hussar Officer,
has given me a Sufficient
Knowledge to be a proper
Judge of such a regulation as I
intend to propose, and the
Letters I have from the

Honorable Board of War will
be a proof that I Executed
the orders with Approbation,
against the Indians, and this
has given me a certainty,
that under my Plan such
security, as mentioned would
be made if the honorable
Congress will honour me
with the Regulation of it, -
which I shall faithfully
execute, and glory in the honour of
such a Command which will
also give me an Opportunity
to show my attachment
and Fidelity for this Country
cause I shall be glad to
have the honour of an answer
before I march with the
Corps, leaving the honour to be
with great Respect

your Honour,

most obedient and most humble
Servant

Germantown 14 Sept

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(1778)

Michael de Howats, Cheva-
lier of the most honorable
Order Pour le merite of the
King of Prussia and
Colonell of the Americ.
Legion of Gral Pulaski