Dr Sir

Freehold April ye 17th 1778

Of coarse after my furlough was up I went to Head Quarters, at first I expected to Join you in Jersey but finding my Brothers family at A loss to settle & divide their respective estates, I have taken the liberty to stay longer then I at first expected, however I will Join as soon as I possibly can— Jonathan Rhea will deliver this to you who tells me you will Accept him in your Regt Again, I was always against his resigning, and he must blame himself if he should take an Irish twist in the Regt I am sorrey for your loss as the Public papers represent but hope it is not so bad as they say— Your situation at Hattonfield for sometime I almost begrudg'd as Colo Brearley's letter Described & the Fourth Regt regreted much your leaving them behind especially when they heard of the Shad Eel Remember me to Major Howell, Allias Colo with all my Brother Officers in your Regiment— and Please to Accept of my regard

To Colo Shreve — From

Sir Your Very Humble

David Rhea

Lt Col
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To
Colo.l Israel Shreve
Mount Holly

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