Dr Sir

Feeling a great interest in the cause of [illegible] and well aware that [illegible] and [illegible] present circumstances [illegible] to effect any thing that [illegible] [illegible] I have [illegible] to address [illegible] subject [illegible] of which I may speak with confidence.

The Medical Department of our Army is and always has been in a most deplorable condition so much so that if at this time a report were required from every medical man in the Army both "Diplomad" and "undiplomad" it would be a difficult matter from the mass of information [illegible] accumulated to form any accurate opinion of the actual amt of diseases & their characters and those who were [illegible] afflicted with them [illegible] to me [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible] suggested [illegible] to many and great inconveniences besides [illegible] having been the cause of needless mortality. To obviate these [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I think I can devise a plan. [illegible] [illegible] Commander in Chief [illegible] know at [illegible] [illegible] medical state of the whole Army or any particular Corps who were unfit for duty [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] the amount of Instruments Medicines and Medical stores on hand in whose possession and in what order. I would remain with the Army and act as Staff Surgn if so requested by the Commandant and perform any other extra professional business you might be pleased to direct