am willing to trust to the General's decision, for no person is
better acquainted with the propriety of my application to Congress,
for present instance, if perhaps he may suggest something on that
merit of the service, which may somewhat weigh in the decided
aspect of the Secretary at War. Pardon me for this further
trouble, it is probable I am partial, therefore I shall rest satis-
face with whatever you carry other friends shall determine on the
business.

The information you give me of the general Indian war is rather
alarming, as the murders committed on the Muskingum settlement is
truly melancholy, however I am pleased to hear that Government
takes it up in the proper light, and is furnishing a Military force
adequate to bring the Indians to their right senses, & prevent in
future their ravage upon our frontier settlers. If the
Armament is so considerable as to require the Establishment
of an Hospital for the relief of the sick & wounded, I shall only
more undertake the Charge of that Department, if I am thought
worthy of the Appointment. Such my inclination to be known
to my friends, particularly to Major Mack, & according to the
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Dear Sir,

I am now to acknowledge your favor of the 27th ult. to return you thanks for your attention to interest me; I can say that I am not disappointed, however I cannot allow that the Secretary at War in his Observations upon my remarks, has altogether removed in my mind the justice of my claim against the public. It is granted that Congress never made any provision for a direct Gen. to the Army but they acknowledge unequivocally their want of Independence.

In 1779 when the superintendence of the Directs to their Hospitals was questioned, Congress made him a pledge to, for to have it attached to the independent Department, they would agree to the measure, which every resolution afterwards, admitted the Hospitals to the Superintendence under this independent Arrangement, now pray had Congress at this time been requested to make provision for a Director to that fund, I feel it to be thought they would have given him less pay than the Director of the War Dept.

It is for this reason that I apply to Congress now for relief.

I am to General Lincoln in case, if he will say my services do not merit the highest pay I will readily submit.