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War Department,
May 11th, 1808

You are hereby notified, that on the 5th Instant
the President of the United States appointed you a First
Lieutenant in the Fourth Regiment of Infantry
in the service of the United States: should the Senate, at
their next session, advise and consent thereto, you will be
commissioned accordingly.

You will, immediately on receipt hereof, please to com-
municate to me, your acceptance or non-acceptance of said
appointment.

I am Sir, respectfully
Your Obd’t Serv’t

W. DeWitt

Lt. Joseph Smillie
Governor Island Feb 9th 1846.

Sir,

Although we could have had no objection whatever to your referring to us for information relative to such facts as had fallen under our observations in the foregoing of the dispute between you, and St. Anthony, and not giving opinions on the merits of the case, yet we are decidedly opposed to having our names inserted in a petition, from an impression that a public appeal to citizens was injurious to the honour and reputation of the army, and tending to bring our profession into contempt. We feel bound to say we did not authorize the public use made of our names by you, and we equally disapprove of their insertion in St. Anthony’s circular, to present any further discussion so far as relates to ourselves. Major Thompson now declares that having heard St. Anthony make use of expressions injurious to your character, he felt it his duty to inform you thereof; if St. Anthony states that being the basis of an amicable note written by you to St. Anthony in consequence of the information given you by Major Humphrey, which note St. A refused to receive. .
alleging that you were not a gentleman & that he would hold no communication on the subject unless dealing with a gentleman who was prepared to be your champion. you are at liberty to make any use of this note you may think proper.

we are in your old servant.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

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