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May it therefore please Your Excellency to accept his faithful, diligent service, & to order his Dismission. Or, if it seem good to your Excellency to continue him in y^e Service, we humbly pray Your Excellency to give him to our Rev^d Taft^e (who is also Chaplain to y^e Soldiers) to keep Garrison with him, & to escape guarding, scouting & marching abroad, for this winter.

The God of Heaven Bless Your Excellencies Person & Family, indeed, abundantly & forever

So we would pray always & fervently, who are

Most Excellent Sir,

York 8^e. 15.
1711.

Your Excellencies
most humble
most Obedient
most Dutifull Servants,

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Joseph Banks
Johnson Hermon
Matthew Austin
Setter Newel
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