

**George Washington to Continental Congress, April 12, 1777, The Writings of George Washington from the Original Manuscript Sources, 1745-1799. John C. Fitzpatrick, Editor.**

**To THE PRESIDENT OF CONGRESS**

Head Quarters, Morris Town, April 12, 1777.

Sir: Having seen a letter, from Doctor Franklin, and many other credentials, in favour of Monsr. Le Chevalier Du Plessis,<sup>1</sup> he appears to me to be a person worthy of the notice and encouragement of Congress. He has served in the French Artillery, and, both his inclination and qualifications, make it proper he should have an appointment in ours. There are some vacancies in the Artillery for Captains, one of which may be offered him as a beginning. The superior ranks are all completed. I am, etc.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Thomas Antoine, Chevalier Mandult Du Plessis, He was appointed a captain in the Continental Artillery Apr. 15, 1777; promoted to brevet lieutenant colonel Nov. 26, 1777; resigned Nov. 5, 1778.

<sup>2</sup>n the writing of Alexantler Hamilton.