Philadelphia 7th Novr. 1811

Dear Sir,

Some gentlemen here have been deeply impressed with what they have heard of your Ode, delivered at Yorktown, and still more so with the few passages which it has been their good fortune to meet with and to read. It would delight them and many others could you deliver it here at the Academy of Music.

Could you do this, they will have a formal invitation sent, inviting you to appear under the auspices of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

Please consider this note as informal, as it would be desirable to have no publicity until arrangements could be made for a formal announcement.

I am very respectfully,

[Signature]

J. Barron Hope.

Townsend Ward.