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of our own, or of the resources which it will be in
our power to command for carrying on the war,
I can give you no particular instructions, but
must leave you to form yourself solely according
to your own prudence and judgement and the circum-
stances in which you find yourself. I am aware
that the nature of the command will offer you
embarrassments of a singular and complicated
nature; but I rely upon your abilities and exertions
for every thing your means will enable you to
effect."

With regard to the Court of enquiry, it was to
be conducted in the quarter in which Gates had
acted, where all the witnesses were and where
alone the requisite information could be obtained.
Baron Steuben, who was to accompany Greene to
the South, was to preside and the members of the
Court were to be such General and field officers
of the Continental troops as were not present at
the battle of Camden, or, having been present,
were not wanted as witnesses, or were persons
to whom General Gates had no objection. The
affair was to be conducted with the greatest
impartiality and with as much despatch as
circumstances would permit.

Washington concludes his letter of instructions to
Greene with expressions dictated by friendship
as well as official duty. "You will keep me constantly
advised of the state of your affairs and of every
material occurrence! My warmest wishes for your
success, reputation, health and happiness
accompany you."

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