

4-23-1792

## Letter in which Daniel Morgan refuses Henry Knox's request for assistance in fighting Native Americans. 1792.

Daniel Morgan

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I am Honored with your letter of the 12th  
Instant in which you inform me of my appoint-  
ment to the command of a Brigade in the army  
of the united states. - I am truly sensible of the  
Honor which the President & senate have done me, by  
this appointment, and am sorry I cannot accept  
of it. - and these are my Reasons. The war with  
the Indians is a peculiar one, and differs so widely from  
the usual & regular system of warfare, that in my  
opinion but few amongst the brave officers of our  
late army, are acquainted with it. I cannot, there-  
fore, think of putting myself, and the brave men  
who would Mesque themselves with me, under the com-  
mand of any man whose conduct, and abilities for  
this service, I am not acquainted with - you will  
therefore be pleased to consider me as not accepting  
this appointment - at the same time, I must  
once more, Express the High sense which I enter-  
tain of the Honor conferred upon me. By the President  
and senate of the united states

20th 23 April 1892

I have the honor to be  
your obedt slave and  
Dan Morgan

to the Secretary  
at War -  
1792  
April 23

The Hon<sup>ble</sup>

Major Gen<sup>l</sup> Henry Knox

Secretary at War -

Philadelphia