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Baltimore March 20/77

Col E F Brown

Governor etc etc.

My dear General

Your very kind letter of the 12th reached me only a day or two ago. I regret extremely that it will be impossible for me to accept the invitation you so kindly convey. There are very few things that would gratify me so much as to write with so large a body of my comrades, in rendering due honor to the memories of the fallen men whose graves are to be decorated upon the day in question.

Independently, also, of the special
purpose to be carried into effect
on the 31st May, it would afford
me my great pleasure to examine
in detail the admirable institution
over which you preside, & meet
again there with whom I was
once associated in more exciting
times. I shall hope to accomplish
this at some future day; but
it will not be in my power to
do so as you so kindly propose
till you return to the Committee
thy heartfelt thanks for the
honour they have paid me, & my
warm regrets that it will not
be possible for me to comply
with their request.
With my warm thanks for your

consent to me when I have the pleasure of being
you have always
been, my dear General,
most sincerely your friend

Geo. Pitt Rivers