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Told that it would be necessary to occupy
again that post, as we were not to be relieved,
he very handsomely said, "If you will allow
me Sir I believe I may venture not only to
offer my own services but those of my whole
Party for that duty, we were on last Night
^{consequently} ~~and~~ know the situation better than
precautions necessary to be taken than
any fresh Man you can send." I thought it
very handsome, thanked him very much
but told him I could not hear of it, that
would not be fair, for 'twas a Service of
imminent danger however just before it
grew dark, he came to me to report his party
paraded and ready to march off. I could not refuse
him, indeed to say true I had then a very particular
reason. It was soon to find that two Men
had been discovered, by one of my Sentries, in the
Wood to the right of my post, at the side of the Water
and without Arms, from this Circumstance & one of them
having a White Hat