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Sir

The Letter you did me the Honor  
to write on the 10<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>t</sup>. I received by Post the 23. Inst<sup>t</sup>.

It seems to be the prevailing Opinion that our  
Enemy had some serious Intentions respecting Negotiations  
for Peace, but since their success in the West Indies  
they are much elated and wish to see whether the  
present Year will not produce something further in  
their favour. ~ Have no late accounts from

Charlestown. ~ The Conduct of the Enemy at New-  
York is such, at present, that it is difficult to draw a  
Conclusion whether they expect to Winter there, or not.

I am Just informed that the Tax  
agreed to by Congress for the discharge of Interest on  
Our Domestic Debts, has been forwarded to the several  
States, as I supposed the Business Incomplete, as to  
time of Payment &c. I did not expect it would have  
been forwarded so soon. ~ You will observe that the  
Proportion set to New Hampshire, is not so High as the  
last proportion was, but it is my fixed Opinion that  
it is much more than it ought to be. ~

an Express arrived here few days  
since, from the Governor of the State of New York, to  
the



the Delegates of that State, Informing that a Number of Persons on the West Side of Connecticut River had been made Prisoners by the authority of Vermont, and Inclosed some Depositions respecting this matter, you are Undoubtedly Informed of the Transactions there so that I need not be particular - these Papers are now under the Consideration of a Committee what will be concluded on I cannot say. —

By your Letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> Inst.

I am informed that you Expected soon to receive some of Mr. Morris's Notes & Determined to forward me a Sum by the first safe Opportunity - I am very unwilling to trouble you on this Subject but must inform you that I am Entirely Destitute of Money not having enough to pay the small Sums I owe here - I must attempt to Borrow a Sum; It is a Fact that the Extravagant Interest of 5 per Cent per Month is frequently paid here, the Difficulties & Disadvantages of borrowing when this is the Case will be readily perceived. The price of many articles here are very high - Beef is from 8 to 14 pence per pound Butter 3/ to 3/9<sup>d</sup> - Wine 27/ per Gall<sup>n</sup>, Rum 17/- Horse - Sheeping at the Rate of 50£ per Year - Hay at 10£ per Ton. The Rents of Houses in general is more than Three times so much as they were before the war & many other Articles as so High, so that It is very expensive living here, Hope I shall receive a Sum from you soon which may be sufficient to discharge my Debts here, and enable me, at the Expiration of the time for which I was appointed to

Return



Return to New Hampshire. ~

I Inclose you a Paper containing some  
Extracts &c - The State of our Enemies Councils  
are such at present that it is difficult to form a Judgment  
of what will be done next, but if they have any Wisdom  
Left, think they had best employ it in making a general  
Peace, for a Seperate one with us they cannot have. ~

I expect to send the Commission you  
mentioned, by a private Conveyance to Boston in a few  
Days - Your Letter to the Secretary of Congress is received.

I Inclose a News Paper of this day. -

Have the Honor to be  
with the greatest Respect

Your most  
Obed<sup>t</sup>. Serv<sup>t</sup>.

John Taylor Gilman

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Meshech Weare Esquire



Ms. Gilman  
Letter Sep<sup>r</sup> 25. 1782

Letter from Mrs. Taylor-Ed.  
man, dtd. in Concord, 25<sup>th</sup> Dec.  
Vermon<sup>t</sup> - signed, requesting mon-  
ey. d. c. - Sept 25, 1782.