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In Congress Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> 1780.

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Sir,

Fully convinced of our inability to obtain the grand object of the federal union without the vigorous exertions of the several States we have thought it our duty to make the requisitions contained in the inclosed resolution. And we wish our constituents to be impressed with the necessity of a speedy & punctual compliance. For although by the blessing of providence we have been conducted thus far in a war with a powerful & enraged enemy yet the events of the present year have not enabled us to speak the language of triumph.

This indeed may be attributed to a variety of causes but we cannot refrain from observing that the unpunctuality of the States in their supplies of men, money and provisions is not one of the least.

It is unnecessary to point out the public wants and distresses. They are too well known; too generally felt. Hitherto the war has been carried on principally by emissions of paper money. This being depreciated & Congress having in compliance with the general inclination and voice of their constituents resolved to stop farther emissions we are compelled to call upon the States for taxes and specific supplies.

An opinion seems to prevail that foreign loans can be obtained and we perceive with regret that some are disposed

disposed to place too great reliance on this resource. Duty compels us to be explicit with our constituents on a subject of such interesting importance. Every effort has been made for the purpose of procuring loans; but without sufficient success to justify a relaxation of our own most vigorous exertions.

It is to be observed that a powerful armed neutrality appears to be formed in Europe determined to support the freedom of commerce. Should overtures of peace be the result of a convention of the neutral powers, is it not our interest, is it not our indispensable duty to be prepared for such an event? Our object is of the greatest magnitude; the security, freedom and independence of the United States: And experience evinces that no nation can promise itself a safe and honorable peace which is not in condition to maintain a war with vigour. We are confident there is no want of ability <sup>in the States</sup> to do this. Can arguments then be necessary to call forth every internal resource which may contribute to put a happy period to the war? Is it not high time to expel from our country an enemy whose progress is marked with blood and desolation and whose successes inspire them only with redoubled vengeance?

The estimates may appear large but we conceive them to be absolutely necessary. To the utmost of  
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our power we have endeavoured to correct abuses  
in the public expenditures. We have called for the  
aid of the respective executives. Again we recommend  
this essential object to their attention. Nothing on  
our part shall be wanting which <sup>may</sup> contribute to  
promote the strictest economy in dispensing the  
supplies now required.

We have only to add our earnest desire that  
no time may be lost and should the legislature  
of your State not be in session on the receipt of this  
letter that it may be immediately convened.

By order and in behalf of  
The United States in Congress assembled

Sam. Huntington President

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> The President  
of the State of New Hampshire

Respectfully yours,  
Wm. C. C. C.