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Dear Sir

Head Quarters near Dover
Tenn. July 9th 1798
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I have been informed by
Colonel Scarborough & some others, that
the State of New Hampshire has pro-
cured & put up the greater part of the
Salted Provisions required by Congress
of that State for the use of the Army.
Altho' I have been so unfortunate as
not to have received any exact account
or official Return of the quantity that
may be expected from hence, yet I
will presume upon a considerable sup-
ply, as the exertions of the State seem
principally to have been confined to
that Article - Not more than thirty
Tons

fat Cattle having been received from
your State since the close of last Cam-
paign.

It has now become extremely
important that all these salted Provi-
sions (except those on the Connecticut
& River) should be forwarded as ex-
pediently as possible to some place
within reach of the Army - As it
is impracticable to have this speedily
effected by land transportation; I
must therefore entreat most earnestly
that you will be pleased to have Trans-
ports provided, and send on the whole of
the aforesaid salted Meat by Water to
Providence in the State of Rhode Island -
Let me impress upon you the necessity

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of this business, of giving every necessary
instruction & affording every aid to the
Deputy or ^{the} Quarter Master of the
State, and taking every possible precau-
tion to prevent its falling into the hands
of the Enemy. The provision should be
deposited at Providence in the charge of
the ^{Commander} of the ^{State} Agent, or
some careful Person who must be account-
table for it. I wish all the Rum
which has been purchased by the State
for the Continent may be forwarded in
the same manner & to the same place.

The french Army has now formed
a junction with us. We have advanced
to this place. I must add, that we
must depend upon the exertions of the
eastern

Eastern States to furnish the supply
of Beef Cattle, that has been called
for, in order to enable us to keep the
field.

I think it will be advisable,
to transport the Provisions & Rum, in
small swift sailing Boats, the chance of
loss by capture will not be so great.
The matter also ought to be kept as
much a secret as may be.

I shall anxiously expect your
answer by the earliest opportunity.

I have the honor to be

With great esteem & respect

Your most Obedt Servant

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