

Office of Finance <sup>225</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> Sept 1781.

Sir

A Resolution of the House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire the 31<sup>st</sup> of August last to which the Council concurred on the same Day, was referred to me by the United States in Congress assembled, and two Days ago the honorable Mr Severmore enclosed to me your Letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> Instant to him on the same Subject with the Resolution.

The Various pressings and urgent Calls for Money require much more to answer them than can be obtained. We must therefore prefer those which are indispensable and these I am sorry to say exceed the Means in our Power. It is to be lamented that the Drivers of Cattle should be obliged to sell a Part to defray the Expence of the Rest. This is certainly the source of Waste and Extravagance. It is still more to be lamented that any of the States should call on Congress for Money, when it must be well known that Congress cannot obtain it honourably but from the States themselves. Where a Variety of Difficulties present themselves it is Wisdom to chuse the least. With that View I am to recommend that honest Drivers be chosen and the Cattle sold as heretofore to pay the Cost of bringing them forward. I wish the Funds of the State may enable your Excellency to have this Business



Business transacted on more eligible Terms.

With the greatest respect  
I have the Honour to be  
Sir  
Your Excellency's  
Most obed.  
and  
Humble Servant

*N. B. Morris*

His Excellency  
The President of  
the State of New Hampshire.

Letter from the Treasurer  
relating to the  
to send to repay as follows.  
Sept 24, 1781.

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This Letter to be sold to de Gray  
Esq. on the 24th