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Sir,

Office of Finance ¹⁰⁴ 23 January 1782

The Minister at War who is on his way to Boston will have the Honor to deliver your Excellency this Letter, as he has sundry Objects of the Public Service in View, which will require Money, he asked of me a Credit on the several States, and I should certainly have given that Credit if it had been consistent with those general Rules which are absolutely necessary for conducting properly the Public Business. The Disarrangement of Accounts, at present, will shew so clearly the Consequences of the contrary Practice, as must alone force Conviction. I have therefore made him an Advance of Money in Orders on my Cashier, which Orders or Bank Notes I shall prefer receiving in Taxes to Silver or Gold, because they are of more determinate Value; as there

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is no necessity of weighing or examining whether they are light or adulterate, and especially as they can be transported with facility. Should there be any Money in your Treasury, which is I hope the Case, you will oblige me by exchanging those Notes, and remitting them hither in Payment of the Taxes.

Gen Lincoln will be a safe Conveyance for the Purpose, should no other Offer. It is not my view to confine the Exchange to those which he carries, on the contrary I shall be glad always to receive that kind of Money, and of consequence that the Treasury exchange it continually for any Persons who, being Holders, may prefer the precious Metals

I have the Honor to be with great Respect
Sir

Your Excellency's most Obed^t

Humble Servant

Robt Morris

His Excellency

The Governor of New Hampshire