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Gentlemen.

I have Just returned from Providence & on my Return thro' Boston Mr. Fletcher called on me & informed me that this State had stopped some of the Continental Cloathing that was going on to Head Quarters, this I am very sorry for; as Massachusetts have been checked for the same thing. I have the Resolve of Congress respecting the Massachusetts (Copy of which I inclose) which was sent me by the Honble Continental Board of War at Philadelphia & Ordered me not to deliver any of the Cloathing to any Clothier or any other Persons than what is mentioned in the Resolve of Congress for the Massachusetts. The Cloathing purchased by any Clothier is under the direction of the State, but Cargoes imported are not; they are to remain in the Continental Agents Hands, untill they are Ordered out by Congress, Board of War, or the Committee of Commerce.

The Honble Committee will easily see the impropriety of Ordering any part of the Cloathing so imported, for the Troops of this State (as this would be partial) as by this Rule our Troops might have the whole & the others go without; As Clothier I have nothing to do, but as Agent to receive & deliver the Cargoes, no Clothier could Order them out of my hands.

Major Nuhols arrived at Boston from General Washington the Day before I came away to forward on the Cloathing to the Army, he also called on me & mentioned the matter, & Informed me that he must lay the matter before the General, in case any State interfered in the Cloathing; I desired him not as I would lay the matter before the State & doubted not they would rectifie it. — Your Honors must be sensible that it must be my Duty to lay this before Congress in case they are sent on for our Troops which

would give me pain as it would reflect on the State & of  
no service to our Troops as they will have their part of them  
& if they are sent <sup>of</sup> the State of course the General will Order  
them as he pleases when he finds they are the Continent  
& we shall advance that expense for Nothing.

I am with great Respect  
Gentlemen  
Yr<sup>o</sup> Obedt. Serv.  
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Committee of Safety for the State of  
New-Hampshire