

Sir,

Congress feel themselves reduced to the disagreeable necessity of writing you to write to you respecting the deficiency of a Representation from your State. For a considerable time past only seven States have been represented, and those merely by the essential number of Delegates. From this information you will readily conceive, without a minute & painful detail, the numerous inconveniences and real dangers they are subjected to, abstracted from every consideration of interest, honor and reputation. The most important powers vested in Congress by the Confederation lie dormant at this time by reason of the impunctuality of the Delegates of six States, in point of attendance; and some of those powers too indispensably necessary to be exercised at this great & important crisis.

Permit

President of Congress  
15 Nov 1789  
Delaware of a Negro =

Permit me, Sir, to flatter myself that it  
is superfluous to urge any thing more upon this  
delicate but momentous subject, and to hope  
that your Honors influence will be exerted  
to prevail upon your State to send forward and  
keep up a full Representation in future.

With sentiments of the highest respect,

Philadelphia.

15. Nov. 1781.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient

Very humble Servant

John Hanson President

His Excellency

The President of the Council of New Hampshire.