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Portsmouth Jan^y 25. 1780

Sir.

Your fav. of yesterday came to hand, wth the returns of Cloathing wanted for the 1. & 2. Batt^s M^r Leighs return of June, & an Extract of his letter to Pres. Weare, by w^{ch} a vast supply must be sent forward if possible. The first Question arises is, where can money be got, & the next where may the Cloathing be purchas'd. at present it appears almost impossible to obtain either the Essentials for so large a supply. Upon a rough Estimate including the 3. Reg^t the Am^t. will not fall short of £30000. However the State will un-
doubtedly ~~will~~ do all in their power, but conclud^g the Committee of safety will not take the matter up. think it unnecessary to go to Peter W^l Maj^r. Gains returns, & here their determination. We have not rec^d. any particular Acc^t. from Boston respect^g Goods but undoubtedly some may be procur'd there but you are sensible nothing less than ready money

money will purchase them. In regard to those few
patterns of Cloath the Gentlemen mention, it may
not be advisible to concern with, as all our
purchases must be equally divided if a full supply
should not be attainable for the whole Line of Officers
or just complaints will take place. The plan
that now opens for our Consideration is extensive
therefore we think it necessary to have the
sense of the Legislature or their Delegates power
to govern us. In the interim we shall purchase
all we can with the little money our ^{Gov. Stand}
for, with the Treasurer, - We daily supply Soldiers
who cal on the Store with shoes & stockings & now &
then a shirt. - at present we have not one nor any
Linnen to make up. - By the Ordinance of
Congress of 23^d March last for Regulating the Army
this State of right may cal on W. Gardner the
Agent Coathier here, for any or all the Cloathing
he has by him, for the use of our Troops, ~~which~~
we

We wish you to mention this to the Committee
 as it may have slip't their memory. They
 have done or more of those Ordinances, w^{ch}
 were sent the State by the Governor General.
 By taking what flogging M. Gardner
 may have by him or shall have, will help
 our supply greatly, and we think every
 measure must be adopted to facilitate it.
 The late obstruction by snow has prevented
 one of us being up some time since, & the
 bearer of your letter is the first man we have
 seen from Exeter these 3 weeks - but shall
 soon be up to assist, or do any thing that
 may be necessary. In the interim we
 wish Exeter Sir Wm. M. W. W.

Joseph Wenthworth for self
 & Mr. Penhallow

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San Francisco
May 25th 1850

Letter from
San Francisco
May 25th 1850