

(Circular)

Head Quarters Morris Town March 26
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Mr

You will have received I presume before this, a Transcript of an Act of Congress of the 25th of last month calling on the several States for specific quantities of provision Rum & Forage for the Army & directing the Articles of Supplies to be collected & deposited at such places in each of the States, as should be judged most convenient by me. In the case of a defensive war like ours, which depends almost wholly on the movements and operations of the Enemy, it is difficult if not impracticable, to fix on places of deposit for Stores, which may not be rendered improper by subsequent events, & all we can do upon such occasion, is, to collect them where it shall appear from a comparative view of circumstances, that they will be probably secure and most likely to facilitate the purposes intended.

I have considered the point with respect to the supplies required of your State, and I beg leave to inform you, that it appears to me, they should be deposited at the following places and in the proportions set against each respectively - Viz.

Charles Town N ^o 4 -	24,000 Gallons of Rum
Portsmouth	11,643 . . . Do.

35,643 - As to the

Proof - the time & place of delivery of the proportion from time to time must of necessity in a great measure be governed by the occasional requisitions of the Commissary General; which must also be the case with respect to the Salt & it's ultimate place of deposit.

I have the Honor to be
with the greatest respect

Your most Obed^{ti} Servant,

G. Washington

Hon^{ble} President of
the State of New Hampshire