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Sir,

As it is of the utmost Importance in the great Contest in which we are engaged, that Unanimity and Harmony should subsist and be maintained; and a Similarity of Measures be pursued, by the respective States: It is with great ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ Anxiety and Concern, we hear that your State, with any other, have hitherto declined a proceeding to those necessary & salutary Measures reported by the Convention at New Haven, in Compliance with and Pursuance of a Resolution of Congress, recommending the same; and tho many Objections and Difficulties lie in the way, and much Delicacy, seemed to attend; yet considering it was the united Voice of these States, that pointed out the Expediency, Utility and Necessity of the Measure: and being the only Means that could be devised for giving an immediate Check to the rapid Depreciation and Extortion, which like a Deluge, seemed to threaten us with immediate Ruin; unless restrained by some sovereign Act, until the more effectual and radical, but slower Remedies of Taxation &c. could be applied, felt and perceived; which when effected, and the Tide once changed, the Regulating System, having thus answered the End designed, would of Course fall to the ground, a useless Machine.

Imprised with these Ideas, this State was induced to comply fully with the Measures recommended, confiding in our Sister States, that they would do the same, and not break that Union and interrupt that Harmony on which our Safety, so much depends. And tho no State is perhaps, more affected in its relative Interest, by the Regulation than this; as they have drawn, and still continue to draw their chief Supplies, especially of the Meat Kind from hence: yet every partial View has been obliged to give way to the Voice of the Convention, the Voice of Congress,

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and the general Good.

Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York, we understand, have adopted the Measures, and are determined to enforce them; with whom we shall <sup>fully</sup> co-operate: and had the Eastern States done the same we cannot <sup>but</sup> imagine we should have seen ere this, very happy Effects therefrom. But your neglecting it, has thrown us into great Embarrassments, and proves very injurious to those States that have come into the Measure, and must eventually tend to ruin and defeat the whole. We must beg Leave therefore to call your immediate Attention to this important Object; and to request your Determination thereon, that we might be enabled to take such further Measures as may be found requisite. At the same time we cannot but flatter ourselves, from your former Readiness to join in such Measures as have heretofore been thought necessary for the general Good; that you will most cheerfully Co-operate with us in this most salutary and important Plan.

I am with Esteem and Regard (in Behalf of  
the Assembly of the State of Connecticut)

Your Honors most obedient

humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

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