

Head Quarters New Windsor June 13, 1781 ^{the 447}

Dear Sir

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I wrote to you on the 8th instant
urging the necessity of having the supplies of Provisions
Shirts and Clothing immediately forwarded from
the States. These things are of such immense impor-
tance to all our plans, that they cannot be
repeated too often, or pressed with too much
importunity. And I know there is nothing so
likely to succeed as incessant representation
on the spot.

In Addition to the task already
imposed upon you, by your former Commission,
I must now entreat you, to turn a share of
your attention to the recruits of the several
States. Let them be called upon again and
again in the most earnest manner to fill
their Battalions, and that instantly. Surely
if the States had a proper Idea of our circumstances,
for want of men, our prospects if we had
them, and our fixed designs of carrying on
offensive Operations at all events, they
would exert themselves beyond any thing
they have formerly done. They can, they
must complete their Battalions if it is only
for the Campaign.

The recruits and drafts must be
hurried on as fast as possible. The Militia
which have been requested of the Eastern
States

State, must also be held in readiness to march
when called for, as formerly ordered.

In my last I mentioned forwarding the
clothing which had lately ^{arrived} from Spain, I
request you will attend to and expedite
this business, that it may not be stopped
a day on the road from its leaving Boston
to its arrival in Camp, and that you will
advise me when it may be expected.

With great regard I am

Dear Sir

your Obedt. and very

Yble Servt.

G. Washington

M. General Heath

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A copy of Washington to
Genl Heath of the 23 June 1781
relative to Supplies of Provifⁿ
Mun, Clothing &c