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A few days since I was at our camp in the Jerseys where that General Poor informed me that the recruits sent up by the State this summer were not expected to be considered as standing troops on less of their being intended for so short a period. of course they will not be entitled to receive clothing from the Publick Store. At Fort inform me that numbers are nearly above two hundred and that they will not be able to do duty unless they can get clothing. I could wish the Board to give some directions what is to be done for them as I have considered all the clothing from the State as purchased at Continental Expense and have reported them accordingly —

The General likewise informed me <sup>that</sup> the Officers of the New Hampshire Line viewed the Office of Being a State Clothier. In an important point of Sight. That it ought to be filled with a Person of the first Character and the most shining Abilities. Otherwise they were apprehensive they should not be able to have that Justice done them they ought from the Publick Importations &c. In short they viewed me as unequal to the Task being Deficient in point of Address & Fortitude —

Being very far from my Intention to Desire to continue a single Moment <sup>in Office</sup> longer than I can do and obtain Justice with the utmost Candour to the General their doubts should be removed on my part —

and as matters are thus circumstanced I could wish the Board to Represent to the free Authority of the State I am Desirous of returning home on a Resignation — I shall always entertain a high Sense of the Honour the State has been pleas'd to confer on me and had it bin so order'd my Publick Effort, should not have bin wanting so to conduct as eventually to have bro't no Dishonour on their Appointment —

But whatever my Publick Efforts might be unless a full Satisfaction of their Expectations should take place — my Satisfaction must be very far from being agreeable. Therefore it must be most conducive to my Own happiness as well probably the Publick Good I should

Retire — There is a general Distribution of the Publick Clothing made at Head Quarters, New Hampshire has got the Third Share by Act — I somewhat expect my Turn will come on this day, and being Desirous to keep at the greatest Distance any Room to suspect my Judgment — I have Requested a Regimental Clothier to Carry with me an order that I might take his Opinion with Respect to Choice — As soon as I have receiv'd the States proportion you shall have a Return of the same transmitted you if part — And as our New Hampshire Troops are to take Winter Quarters at Dunbarry. I should be glad a Letter might be Sent me from



The Board to the Care of Major Sturges Oct 2nd 1779 at that part  
See your most Vble Servt  
Joseph Lough

22nd 1779

Mr. Lough's Letter

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