

Sir.

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I had the honor to write you the 16th Inst. enclosing
A certified copy of the acc^t of your State, as it stands in the Treasury
Books of the United States. I now freely leave to recall your attention
to it. It gives me very great pain to learn that there is a pernicious
Idea prevalent among some of the States that their acc^s are not to be
adjusted with the Continent, such an Idea cannot fail to spread its
pestilential language over all our operations. To suppose this expensive War
can be carried on without joint & strenuous efforts is beneath the
wisdom of those who are called to the high Office of Legislation.
Those who inculcate maxims which tend to relax these efforts, most
certainly injure the common cause, whatever may be their motives which
inspire their conduct. If once an opinion is admitted that those States
who do least & charge most will derive the greatest benefit, and endure
the smallest evils; your Excellency must perceive, that shameful
inactivity must take place of that noble emulation which ought to
permeate & animate the whole Union. It is my particular duty
Sir, which I remind my fellow Citizens of those tasks which it is
incumbent on them to perform, to remove if I can every impediment
which lies in the way or which may have been raised by disaffection,
self interest, or mistake, I take therefore this early opportunity to assure
you that all the acc^s of the several States with the United States shall
be speedily liquidated if I can possibly effect it, & my efforts for
that purpose shall be unceasing. I make this assurance in the
most solemn manner & I entreat ^{that} the consequences of a contrary

affair may be most seriously weighed & considered before it is made or believed. These are naturally divide themselves into two considerable Branches viz: those which are previous & those which are subsequent to the Resolutions of Congress of the 18th March 1780. The former must be adjusted as soon as proper Officers can be found & appointed for the purpose & proper principles established so as that they may be liquidated in an equitable manner I say I in an equitable manner for I am determined Justice shall be the rule of my conduct as far as the measure of abilities which the Almighty has been pleased to bestow shall enable me to distinguish between right & wrong. I shall never permit I doubt that the State will do what is right neither will I ever believe that any one of them can expect to derive any advantage from doing what is wrong. It is by being just to Individuals, to each other, to the Union, & all by generous grants of solid Revenue & by adopting energetic measures to collect that Revenue & not by complaining, vaunting, or recriminations, that these States are to establish their Independance & rise into Power, Consequence & Grandeur. I speak to you candidly with freedom because it is my duty so to speak & because I am convinced that the language of plain sincerity is the only proper language to the first Magistrate of a free Community.

The Acc^t I have mentioned as subsequent to the Resolutions of the 18th March 1780 admit of an immediate settlement. the several States have all the necessary materials: one side of the acc^t consists of demands made by the Resolutions of

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Congress. Long since forwarded, the other must consist of compliances with those demands. This latter part I am not in capacity to state & for that reason I am to request the earliest information which the nature of things will permit of the Money, Supplies, Transportation which have been paid advanced or furnished by your State in order that I may know what remains due, the sooner full information can be obtained the sooner shall we know what to rely on & how to do equal justice to those who have contributed & those who have not, to those who have contributed at one period & to those who have contributed at another.

I enclose you an Acc^t of the specific supplies demanded of your State as extracted from the Journals of Congress the without any mention of what has been done in consequence of those Resolutions because as I have already observed your Excellency will be able to discern the Ball^{ts} much better than I can. I am further to entreat for that I may be favored with copies of the several Acts passed in your State since the 10th March 1780 for the collection of Taxes, & furnishing supplies or other aids to the United States, the manner in which such Acts have been executed, the times which they may have been necessary for them to operate and the consequences of their operation. I must also pray to be informed of so much of the Internal Policy of your State as relates to the laying, assessing, Levying & collecting of Taxes. I beg leave to assure your Excellency that I am

not prompted by an idle curiosity or by any wish to discover
what prudence would dictate to conceal. It is necessary I should be
informed of these things if I take the plain, open, candid method of
acquiring information. To palliate or conceal any evil or disorders
in our situation can answer no good purpose they must be known
before they can be cured, we must also know what Resources can
be brought forth, that we may proportion our efforts to our means
and our demands to both. It is necessary we should be in a
situation to carry on the War with ease, before we can expect to
lay down our Arms with security, before we can treat of peace
honorably & before we can conclude ^{it with} advantage. I feel myself
fettered at every moment & embarrassed in every operation from my
ignorance of our actual State & what is reasonably to be asked
or expected, yet when I consider our real Wealth & numbers & when
I compare them with other Countries. I feel a thorough conviction
that we may do much more than we have yet done & with more
ease to ourselves than we have yet felt, provided we adopt
the proper mode of Revenue & Expenditure; your Excellency's
good sense will anticipate. My observation on the necessity of
being informed what Money is in your Treasury & what sums
you expect to have there as also of the ^{by which} times they must probably
be brought in, ^{In} addition to this, I must pray you to commu-
nicate the several appropriations. A misfortune peculiar
to America, requires that I entreat your Excellency to undertake

one more task which perhaps is far from being the least difficult. It is for that you will wait very fully as to the am^t of the several paper currency now circulating in your State the probable increase or decrease of each & the respective rates of depreciation. —

Having now stated the several circumstances which are most indispensable let me entreat of your Excellency's goodness that they may be made as speedily as possible to the end I may be early prepared with those propositions which from a view of all circumstances may be most likely to extricate us from our present difficulties. I am also to entreat that you will inform me when your Legislature is to meet my reason for making this request is that any proposals to be made to them may arrive in season for their attentive deliberation. —

I know that I give you much trouble but I know it will be pleasing to you because the time & the labour will be expended in the service of your Country. If his may feeble but honest efforts should open to us the prospect of American glory if we should be able to look forward to a period when supported by solid Revenue & Resources, this War should have no other duration or extent than the wisdom of Congress might allow when its object should be the honor, not the Independance of our Country. If with these four views the State should be roused, excited, animated in the pursuit of unitedly determining to be in that happy situation; find them thus placed there by the very determination. —

If Sir, these things should hapen soon, the reflection that
your Industry has principally contributed to effect them
would be the rich reward of your Toils & give to your best
feelings their amplest gratification. —

I have the honor to be

Your Excellency's

most Obedient

&

humble Servant

Robt Morris,
S. J. of Finance

His Excellency
The President of the State
of
New Hampshire