

Philadelphia

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12th July 1778.

Honorable Gen.

Present circumstances of Public
affairs affords me barely time for referring you to the
Inclosed Act of Congress of yesterday's date, empow-
ering Gen. Washington to call on the State of New-
Hampshire & other States therein enumerated for such
Militia as he shall think requisite for co-operat-
ing with Count d'Estaing Commander of the French
Fleet arrived on this Coast, against the Enemy, &
earnestly recommending to each State, the forward-
ing such force as shall be required, with the utmost
dispatch.

Capt. Mans.^r Gerard in the
Character of Plenipotentiary from the Court of Ver-
sailles, in Philadelphia early this Morning, a Novity
in these Infant States which cannot but occasion some
uncommon & extraordinary movements among those whose
proper business it is to pay due attention to the first
European Ambassador to Congress.

I have the honor to be
With very great Regard

Honorable Sir Your most obed^t serv^t

The Honorable
Neshe Meare Esquire
President New Hampshire.

Henry Laurens.
President
of Congress.

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David Laurence