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Sir

I take the liberty to enclose
copy of a letter, which I have just
received from His Excellency General
Washington, from which it appears,
how much depends upon the Eastern
States, most pointedly, and punctually,
complying with every part of the late
requisitions for supply. I hope the
State of New Hampshire, have before
this time made ample provision for
the supply of Beef Cattle for the
Campaign, — This Commonwealth
have done it, and have had due
consideration in their Tax, (which is to be
paid in Beef only,) to the Slides, Tallow
and wastage in driving, that their whole
Quota may constantly arrive at the Army.

I am sorry to find by this
Excellency's letter, that the troops
who were destitute of Rum when I left
the army several weeks since, still
continue so, and that numbers through
hard fatigue, and the want of refresh-
ment are falling sick. — While our Country

abound with a variety and plenty of
Liquor, I assure myself that those who
are the Guardians of the Army, as well
as Country, will never leave their
Troops to faint under fatigue, and fall
into the Hospitals through the want of ordinary
refreshment, and I do most earnestly
intreat, that a Quantity of Rum may be
immediately sent on from the State of
New Hampshire, and their proportion
of the necessary supply, be regularly for-
warded in future.

I am fully sensible of the great
exertions already made by the Eastern
States, and the very peculiar embarrassments
under which they at present labor on
account of their finances, these considerations
give me pain, when duty compels to solicit
further exertions, but when the aspects
of public affairs afford a flattering Omen,
principals, both of Policy and interest, conspire
to urge them, as the most speedy, and sure
means, to obtain peace and happiness.

I have the honor to be
with the highest respect Obedient
your Honor
most Obedient Servant

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Hon. Messrs. Weare Esquires

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This Excellency's letter also clearly
marks, how indispensably necessary it is
for the summer clothing to be prepared
and forwarded as soon as possible. The
Commonwealth are preparing for their
Troops, Linen frocks and Overalls

W.H.

June 21st

The last evening I received a
letter from His Excellency General
Washington, dated the 13th instant, I
have the honor to enclose copy thereof
and most earnestly entreat, that every
of its objects, may have that instant
attention, which their importance
require.

I have the honor to be
as before

W. Heath

From Genl. Heath to
President Hancock June
1781
relative to supplies &c