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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 supplies. 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  
said 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 His  
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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To the Hon. Messrs. Weare Esquires

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

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June 21<sup>st</sup>

The last evening I received a  
letter from His Excellency General  
Washington, dated the 13<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>h</sup> Heath  
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From Genl. Heath to  
President Hancock of June  
1781  
relative to Longwell &c