

(Philadelphia Decr 25 1789)

Dear Sir

I am honored ^{with} ~~by~~ your ^{two} favor of the 20th ulto with the Inclosures they came to hand this morning the one respecting Mr De La Toure was immediately referred to a Committee of which I am a member we shall immediately wait on the French Minister examine the Laws referred to settle the Point with him & immediately report to Congress the Result of which shall be communicated to you without loss of time.

I am sorry that General Bayley should suffer himself to believe a report which has no foundation in Truth. I never opposed a Decision of the important Dispute I opposed the mode urged by the New York Delegates which was for Congress to give Judgment without the Interventions of Commissioners. I urged that this was against the ~~Confederation~~ ^{Confederation} & that the Judgment should be evaded but I urged the appointing Commissioners to decide the Claim. I was ever of opinion that the time chosen was very improper and feared those consequences which by all our procedure seem but too likely to follow. I know that it was not a Time for America to Court New Enemies or add to the Number of the Disaffected. I did mention this in Congress and however strong my Particular Attachments may be I must ever keep the ~~public~~ good of the whole in view as the primary object & I sincerely wish the

Gentlemen from New York had been influenced
by the same motive. I should hope People join
the Army they would prove very dangerous foes
and I am sorry that the impetuosity of New York
furnished them with a pretext but whatever may
be event the Moderate Conduct of New Hampshire
must secure that State from Reflections I will as
soon as possible bring Congress into some decisive
measures for if the present Suspensions are well founded
vigorous & Decisive ~~measures~~ ^{Exertions} only can atone for
for the precipitate & imprudent Steps which Congress
have been Driven into by the Delegates of New York

General Bartley's reasoning is Truly ridiculous
he thinks that a People who could join the Army
upon a mere Suspensions that Congress might give
Judgment against them would at once lose hold
the power of Inclination by its being reduced to a
Certainty of Judgment pronounced against them, this
kind of reasoning is too trifling to merit a serious
answer. I am sensible of the Disadvantages
you mentions which have long been felt by our State
and am happy that under all those Disadvantages
New Hampshire has preferred the publick good to every
other Consideration This as well as the whole of her
Political Conduct must do her the highest Honor

I cannot exceedingly the Dejected State of
our Treasures & the Distresses of the People & have
the pleasure to assure you that measures are now
adopted which I am convinced will afford the
necessary relief but as order cannot succeed Confu-
sion

in a moment. Patience & perseverance must
 still be kept in action, our only extraordinary is
 appointed to proceed to France for Supplies of money
 Cloathing &c back by the French Ambassador & all
 the French Gentlemen's Interest & I doubt not of its
 being obtained we have another Plan of Finance
 nearly completed which in my opinion will give
 great & speedy relief & I trust the whole will be
 soon communicated to you officially & I trust
 will receive your approbations my Time or Paper
 will not permit me to give you a proper Idea of
 it in this Letter - I expect Hourly Cloathing to
 arrive sufficient for the whole Army which will
 relieve you from some of your present embarrass-
 ments -

The present is a time for the loyal & brave
 virtue & I am happy in thinking with
 that the Patriotic Sons of New Hampshire
 not be behind hand with any; may that they will
 according to custom be the most forward in their
 exertions for the Publick good)

I have the Honor to be with the
 most perfect esteem & regard)

Dear Sir your most obedt Servt

J^{no} Sullivan

Hon^{ble} Messrs Weare -

Gen. Sullivan Letter
Dec^r 11. 1780

Rec^d. Jan^y 5. 1781

Honorable

Messrs. Weare & Co

President of Council

Mrs

J. Sullivan

for

New Hampshire

Letter from Gen Sullivan
relating to the loan, former
dispute, appointment of an
extraordinary to
Trenton, N.C.
Dec. 11. 1780.

