

It is the duty of Congress to be as full and explicit in their requisitions as the public exigencies are great and pressing, and they are confident that the citizens of these States are not more desirous to be informed of their affairs, than they are ready and willing to afford the most vigorous assistance. It is unnecessary to mention our embarrassments, they are known to you; to the means of relieving them we wish your attention.

The whole of the monies due on the quotas of taxes to the first of March last are become of immediate and indispensable necessity. Numerous debts have accumulated on the publick departments, and justice requires they should be forthwith discharged. Large sums are also requisite for the purposes of transportation, and to continue the purchases of supplies for the army until the States are prepared to furnish them. On these quotas draughts are now making and must continue to be made to the whole amount, nor can a doubt be admitted of their being punctually answered. If any State should be unprepared, if the collections are incomplete, not a moment is to be lost. Delay will be disappointment, and may involve consequences too interesting, too fatal to be hazarded. Should the publick operations through languor and inattention be retarded and stopped, should those exertions, which have hitherto rendered this contest conspicuous to the world, be intermitted, the fairest prospects and the most promising occasion may be irretrievably lost. Urge therefore the instant execution of every measure which has been adopted and the speedy adoption of such as yet remain to be taken.

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The specific supplies, required by the resolutions of the 25th of February last, will forthwith become matter of equal urgency and importance. These must be relied on, future as the principal, not to say the only resource from which the army is to be supported. From the obvious propriety of adopting the mode there described, as best suited to the ease and convenience of the respective States; as making a just apportionment of the burthens of the war, and as necessary for correcting abuses in the expenditure of public money, Congress have received the full confidence that the measure will be approved and successful and by ^{seasonably & amply} providing for the army enable them to act & cooperate as circumstances may require with vigour and decision through the ensuing campaign.

The resources of our country even after a five years obstinate and wasting war are still abundant, and in articles the most essential scarcely impaired. The spirit of the people is free to produce them, all that is wanting is an established medium of negotiation to be applied in effecting it. Such we are firmly persuaded, will be secured by ^{providing} a proper attention to the resolutions of the 18th March last, from which as the object is not confined to the purchase of public supplies only, but extends to the various transactions of the community, the most extensive benefit may be justly expected.

The crisis calls for exertion, much is to be done in a little time, and every motive that can stimulate the mind of man presents itself to view. No period has occurred in this long and glorious struggle in which indecision could be so destructive and on the other hand

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no conjuncture has been more favorable to great and
deciding efforts.

We detain you no longer than to mention
the necessity of early and frequent communications
on the subjects of this address, and to remind you how
much they contribute on all occasions to the success
of arrangements for the public safety—

By order of Congress
Sam. Huntington President

For the Hon.^{ble} President of Council, & the Legislature
of the State of New Hampshire

Letter from Obediah Huntington
24 April 1780

Dear Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst. in relation to the purchase of a lot of land in the town of Huntington. I am sorry to hear that you are unable to purchase the land at the price you offered. I have, however, no objection to your purchasing it at a higher price, if you can obtain it. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
Obediah Huntington

of the State of New Hampshire
to the President of the Senate
of the State of New Hampshire