

Dear Sir,

Philad.<sup>a</sup> May 22 1781. #20

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On my arrival at Congress I found no delegate from New York nor has any been here since, consequently no mention has yet been made of Vermont.

As to the business of the States I can with pleasure inform you that Congress are coming into a new plan of raising money & a more frugal plan of spending it. The general voice seems to be to emit no more paper, to call in what is emitted as fast as it can conveniently be done, to loan, to tax in hard money, to furnish the army with provision cloathing stores &c. by contract ~~see see~~ I don't mention these things as done, but as in contemplation. Continental debts to be liquidated in hard money & put upon interest if agreeable to the creditor. As to our southern army they

have a hard time on't, but they behave  
well. A letter from Genl. Green of the 27th  
Ap. mentions an engagement of the 25th  
wherein he took above 50 prisoners altho  
it was a kind of drawn battle, This was  
near Camden. A strong reinforcement of sea  
& land forces is expected from France.  
Upon the whole I think things look pretty  
well, but there must be the utmost  
exertion to keep up the spirit of raising  
men & supplies etc.

I have drawn ~~the~~ 19th instant  
for 133  $\frac{1}{3}$  Dollars being the only sum that offered  
and must continue to draw on the State  
but should be glad to hear the sense  
of the Court upon the subject.

Brigadier Genl. Mavian has taken a  
British Fort <sup>at the southward</sup> called Fort Watson with 114 prisoners.

I am Dear Sir With Esteem Your Honours  
most obed. Serv<sup>t</sup> Samuel Livermore  
Hon<sup>ble</sup> Pres. Weare