

Philadelphia ²⁵ 24th Nov 1778

Sir

I need not acquaint you that the State of New Hampshire has not been represented since the commencement of this month as Col: Bartlett will inform you he left Congress the day before I arrived, which was the 4th inst. - since my arrival New Jersey has acceded to the confederacy & its day by expected Maryland & Delaware will follow the example, The confederacy then being complete, left them two delegates will not be a representation even the one should be empowered by the State for that purpose. —

The spirit of Monopolizing under the name of Speculating rages with great violence through the United States the consequence

of which must prove fatal unless the inter-
position of the Legislatures of the several
States can check its fury. The plan of finance
now under consideration of Congress will
have a good effect when completed, but
that as well as many other important
matters are exceedingly retarded for want
of a full representation, Only nine States
have been represented since my arrival
here within three days. There are now eleven
States barely represented, this tardiness
in the States or their Delegates, besides
retarding the most important Business
makes it exceedingly fatiguing to those that
do attend.

I have the Honour to transmit
you the Treaty of Alliance &c between
His most Christian Majesty and the

United States of America — 36

No intelligence has been received since
Col. Bartlett's departure, we are still in
suspense about the Quaker's intentions
at New York tho it is most generally
believed they will evacuate that place

I have the Honour to be
with every sentiment of Esteem

& Respect Sir Your

Most Obedt Servant

J. M. Whipple

Honble Messrs Wm L

Genl. Whipple's Letter
Nov. 24. 1878 Relative
Sending another Delegate &c.