

Letter from Hon. Meshuk Ware to Messrs. Langdon and
Peabody.

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Gentlemen,

You are very Sensible of the alarming Situation
of Our currency and the great Danger there is
that our military Operations which at present
are greatly embarrassed, will be finally totally
destroyed through the enormous Demands which
are made for the necessaries of life. —
Congress have wisely adopted the Method of taxing
for supplying the treasury, and thereby take off
the necessity of further emissions, which may
tend to depreciate the value of our Money and
bring things to a better regulation. But this
measure does not Operate at present, but the
most exorbitant Demands are still made for
almost every essential Article. In order to
remedy the growing evil, several States in
addition to what Congress have done, have come
into the Measure of regulating the prices of
the most necessary Articles, [but this is found
to be attended with many difficulties, and
it is feared will have little or no good effect,
unless it be general. And what effect it may
then have is problematical, But every
method that appears to have a tendency to
Remedy the evils which threaten the ruin
of our currency must be attempted.
Agents were Appointed from this State, Massachusetts
Connecticut, Rhode Island & New York, who
met at Hartford in October last, to consider
these matters, who reported as follows Viz.
" Resolved that it is the Opinion of this Convention
" the circumstances of the States being duly
" Consider'd, that a limitation of the prices of the
" principal Articles of Merchandise & produce,
" will have a tendency to prevent the further
" depreciation of our currency, that to render
" such limitation permanent and Salutary, it is
" expedient that all the States, or all of them
as far

" as far westward as Virginia inclusive, should
" agree thereto. That a Convention of Commissioners
" from the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts,
" Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey,
" Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, & Virginia,
" be requested to meet at Philadelphia, on the first
" Wednesday of January next, for the purpose
" of considering the expediency of limiting the
" prices of Merchandise, and produce, and if they
" Judge such a measure to be expedient, then to proceed
" to limit the prices of such ^{of said} Articles as they think
" proper, in their several States, in such manner as
" shall be best adapted to their respective Situations,
" and circumstances and to report their proceedings
" to their respective Legislatures."

The General Court here upon Considering said
Report, passed the Vote empowering you to
Appear and Act in said Convention, Copy of
which I herein inclose. I doubt not you
will in every thing exert your selves, that
may Appear likely to remedy our perplexing
Difficultys: And wish the Convention may be
Directed to such Measures as may have a
tendency to so desirable and End.

I am Gentlemen with much Respect
y^r Hum^{le} Ser.^t M^r Weare

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