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Philadelphia May the 18<sup>th</sup> 1780

Dear Sir

the Inclosed newspapers under

Philadelphia head Contains the Principle Part of the information we had by the last Packet from our agents in France. Excepting a Reinforcement of a Considerable number of Ships of War and ~~some~~ Land force from our good friend and ally the King of France, which we have a Right to Expect in a short time if they should arrive safe and the several States Exert them selves to so as to furnish the army with Provision with the Blessing of god we may hope & Expect to be able to drive them from this Continent

by accounts from Charlestown the 15<sup>th</sup> of April our army were in health and high spirits, and by accounts from New York we have Reason to believe that all was well there the 3<sup>d</sup> Instant

as we for some time Past have had no money in the Treasury and those who board us must receive their Pay every week or our Subsistence must fail. This

~~The~~ want of money puts us in an uncomfortable  
situation for we can neither stay here nor returne  
home hope if you have any in your treasury  
you will send some to your Poore Delegates by  
the first opportunity

I shall expect to be Reliev'd at the furthest in September  
and ~~it~~ should be glad to be sooner. if it can be Condonantly  
Done

I am with grate respect S<sup>r</sup> your  
most Obedient Hum<sup>l</sup> Servant  
Nath<sup>l</sup> Johnson

PS I this day Rec<sup>d</sup> your Treavour of the 29<sup>th</sup> of April  
and laid it before Congress and by them Referr'd  
to the Board of war who are to Report to Congress  
my every Exertion in my power to carry it in to  
Effect you may depend upon  
Similar applications having been made by the States  
of newyork and Pennsylvania I expect to share the same  
fate with them

N J  
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Letter from Gen. Nathl. J. for  
some acct. the expected reinforcements