

Philadelphia, 10th Feby. 1782, 116

Sir

I do myself the honor to transmit your Excellency several resolutions of Congress, which have a reference to the department of foreign affairs are in course to go thro' this office - The necessity of carrying them into effect is too obvious to need any observations. While we hold any intercourse with civilized Nations, we must conform to Laws which humanity has established & which custom has consecrated among them. On this the rights which the United States or their Citizens may claim in foreign countries must be founded. The resolution N^o 2. passed Congress in consequence of a convention about to be concluded between his most Christian Majesty and the United

States

States of America which affords an additional reason for paying it the earliest attention — your Excellency & the Legislature will see the propriety of rendering the laws on these subjects as simple, & the execution of them as expeditious as possible, since foreigners, who are the great object of them, are easily disgusted at complex systems which they find a difficulty in understanding. And the honor and peace of a nation are frequently as much wounded by a delay as by a denial of justice.

The resolution No. 3, relates to your boundaries, and is designed as one means of ascertaining the territorial rights of the United States collectively, which can only be accurately known by each State exhibiting its claims and the evidence on which they found them — Your Excellency will therefore be pleased to direct that

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authentick copies from your records, of all grants,
charters, maps, treaties with the natives, and other
evidences be transmitted to this office as soon as
you can conveniently collect them. — I could
wish that the copies might be proved by
having the great Seal of your state annexed

I have the honor to be, Sir

With the greatest respect & esteem

Your Excellency's

Most obedient humble servant

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His Excellency

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President of the Council
of New Hampshire

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of Congress respecting foreign
affairs