

c. c. Power, in Case of his Absence to such Person as you may nominate, hoping that you will take the Trouble of appointing a proper Person, if it should be necessary. Mr Carmichael,  
 146 we hear, has left France, or else we should have desired his Attention, eventually, to this Business. The Desire we have, to get the Arms and Cloathing and our not knowing in what other Channel to put this Matter, with a Hope of Success will, we flatter ourselves, be a sufficient Apology to you for this Request.

We have the Honor to be with the greatest Esteem

Sir &<sup>ca</sup>

Doctor Franklin, or the  
 Commissioner from Congress at Paris.

[Council to J. Johnson.]

In Council Annapolis 3<sup>d</sup> April 1778.

Sir

We inclose you a Copy of a Resolution of our General Assembly and a Power indorsed thereon for your obtaining Military Stores and Cloathing on the Credit and for the Use of  
 147 this State. If you can get the Loan of Money on a tolerable Interest, it seems to us, much more eligible that you should do so than to obtain a Credit for the Things themselves, as you may, as having Cash in Hand, command the Articles of the best Quality and on the cheapest Terms, but a Credit either Way for these Necessaries, is very desirable. We are advised the Cloathing had better be of the same Cloth worn by the King of Frances Soldiers, the Uniform may be varied a little from theirs, as your Fancy may direct. By all means have the Musquets good, as near one size'd Bore as may be and the Bayonets long: Experience shews how essential it is to attend to these Circumstances. We have added to the Articles mentioned in the Revolution 20 Tons of Lead which will be wanted equally as the other Things. If you should be fortunate enough to have it in your Power, the sooner you get the Things shipped, the better let it be done in good sailing Vessels which can come into our Inlets, divide them into several Bottoms, observing to send a Proportion of each Article in each Vessel, so that a Loss or two may not totally disappoint us. If Insurance is to be had, insure the whole, and reship in Case you are ascertained of a Loss. We shall expect the earliest Advices possible of your Receipt of this and of the Prospect you may have of succeeding or not.

We are Sir &<sup>ca</sup>

Mr Joshua Johnson }  
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