

not to exceed twenty six Dollars. Any Number of Stockings ^{C. C.} that you can purchase not exceeding 2000 Pair we wish you to get, if strong & Good, we shall not grumble at 16 or 18 Dollars, if the Quality deserves it, go as far as 20; perhaps you might get the more if you advertised that you were appointed to purchase Stockings & Shirting for the Maryland Troops and request a Preference, some People yet amongst us would surely willingly give it. We send by this, or shall by the first Opportunity £15000 write us of the Receipt of it and frequently of your Success; do push the business our poor Fellows very much want Shirts. If you have more Linen by you than you can immediately make up, please to send it to M^r Muir with Thread that it may be made up here and M^r Randall, who waits for it, may be the sooner discharged.

We are &^{ca}

Cap^t Geo. P. Keepports

[Washington to Jay.]

Copy

Head Quarters West point 4 Octob 1779

Sir

I had the honor of receiveing your Excellencys Letters of the 26th & 27th Ultimo at half after twelve O'Clock yesterday. Immediately upon the Receipt of it, I set about concerting the measures necessary for a cooperation with his Excellency the Count D Estaing agreeable to the powers vested in me by the Resolve of Congress of the 26th Ult^o

I have called upon the State of Massachusetts for 2000 Militia Connecticut for 4000 New York for 2500, New Jersey for 2000 and Pennsylvania for 1500, the last is below the Quota that she ought to furnish, in proportion to her strength, but I was induced to make a requisition of that number only, upon a consideration, that we shall be obliged to call largely upon that State for the means of transportation of provisions and supplies of all kinds, I have also taken the liberty, to press the States above mentioned to use the most vigorous exertions in procuring supplies of provisions especially of Flour, for the want of which, I fear we shall be much embarrassed, should we draw such a head of men together as will be necessary to give our operations a tolerable prospect of success.

I have not heard from Gen^l Sullivan but by report since the 30th August, I have however dispatched an Express to him (upon a supposition that he has compleated the object of his expedition and is upon his return) desiring him to hasten his march, and directing him to leave as few Men as he possibly