

at this Time unrepresented in Congress and " That Matters of great Importance are now lying before Congress, which require the united Councils and vigorous Exertions of all the States," at the same Time earnestly requesting that Maryland may be represented as soon as possible. We take the Liberty of enclosing you an Extract of a second Letter from the President, received by the same Opportunity which fully evinces the Propriety of the first and the Necessity of an immediate Compliance with the Request therein contained

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[Council to the Agents appointed to receive Loans on the several Counties]

Sir The exhausted State of the Continental Treasury, arising from the Depreciation of the Paper Currency, the Backwardness of the States in furnishing their respective Quotas and the want of other effectual Resources, have induced Congress to solicit this State in the most earnest and pressing Manner to supply them with 1,234,350 Dollars by the 15th of June. This Money is our Proportion of ten millions of Dollars to be appropriated to the sole Purpose of bringing Our Army into the Field. The Recess of the General Assembly at this alarming Crisis and the Impossibility of convening them in proper Time to take Measures to comply with the above Requisition, make it incumbent on us to exert ourselves and to devise the most effectual Means in our Power to obtain that Sum. We are deeply impressed with the Necessity of putting our Army in motion and furnishing such Supplies as the Exigency and Nature of the Service require. In this Situation, no Mode so likely to procure the desired sum, within the Time limited, has occurred to us, as that of attempting a Loan. We are the more inclined to think this Measure cannot fail of Success from a recent Instance, that the Contributions of some of our virtuous and patriotic Citizens have afforded us. We know such is the Virtue and Patriotism of our Citizens, that they will contribute their Money and exert themselves to the utmost, to relieve our Army and enable them to cooperate with our noble Ally in accomplishing a Termination of the present War, and removing those Evils and Calamities which are incident to it. We request you to apply to all the Inhabitants of your County, who you think can and will lend Money on this important Occasion, shew them this and the enclosed Extracts of a Letter from Congress and conjure them by that Love of their Country and Desire of Independence and establishing a permanent and happy Peace, which are the desirable Objects we are contending for, to lend us all the Money they can spare, upon this trying Emergency. The Money you obtain, you are to give a Receipt for and to engage the Repayment of, with 6 p Cent Interest by this State, as soon as a Sufficient Sum of the present Assessment is collected to enable us to do it. We desire you to pay the Money to the Treasurer of either Shore, as fast as it is obtained.

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