

Red Book
No. 29 States she seems at present disposed to acknowledge our Independancy but she will probably do it in the same insidious manner by which she has hitherto conducted Herself & in doing so plunge into fresh Difficulties. However if she is sincerely disposed to Acknowledge the Independancy of the United States (that great stumbling block which her madness & folly have raised) this Groundwork of a general Peace will be laid and we may be once more quiet & happy; for this purpose America cou'd not have trusted the public Interest in better hands than those of his Excellency M^r Adams, no man that I have seen, having a sincerer & truer Love to his Country. I am Confident He will pursue the Common Interest of the Alliance on which the Common Strength & Happiness depends

I mention'd to you Sir, that your Excellency would have particular details by the Gentlemen, who come over by this opportunity, of the State of Europe if I was to draw a general outline thereof, it wou'd be as follows. The King of G. B. with a corruptd majority in the House of Commons the same in the House of Lords, two or three wicked ministers & a Jacobite favorite, stands agst the Power of France, Spain his declared & avowed Enemies. He insults Holland, Sweden, Denmark, the Empire of Russia & Turkey, who are ready to Confederat against Him as a violater of the Law of Nature, personally dispis'd by the King of Prussia, and Chargd with Ingratitude As Elector of Hanover by his Liege Lord, the Emperor of Germany all Europe wishes to see Him abased his own Subjects at Home distrustful of Him, & declaring that his Influence ought to be diminishd & those who were once his Subjects & that too most cordially & obediently so, now holding Him in Horror & opposing his Malice in the bravest & most successful manner. Surely this man must be humbled the Independancy of America will do it, & this all the insulted Powers of Europe see & I doubt not will either openly or secretly promote, for what was Ever their natural Interest to do, the Insolence of the Court of London has made a political Duty

I Have the Honour to be Sir Your Excellencys Most Ob^t H^{ble} Serv^t

P. S. I should be Happy to Execute your Excellencys Command in Europe, if you think proper to entrust me therewith be pleased to direct to the care of Monsieur Joshua Johnson negociant á Nantes

April 20
Brown
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No. 71

[Jos. Marbury Capt. 3^d Regt, Portobacco]

Return of Cloathing wanting for Recruits

7 Jackets	2 Shirts	25 Hats
7 Breeches	3 Stockings	10 Blankets
25 Overalls	30 Shoes	

I have 30 Men at this place 25 of which are Recruits