

November 9 many wanted for the holding of fish in the Spring I expect to be
 Red Book able to send the cattle spoke for to Annapolis next week.
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November 9 [Sam Huntington, President, In Congress, Philadelphia, to
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Read and referred to the committee appointed to consider and report on the letters of General Washington

Sir Fully convinced of our inability to obtain the grand object of the federal Union without the vigorous exertions of the several States we have thought it our duty to make the requisitions contained in the enclosed resolutions; and we wish our constituents to be impressed with the necessity of a Speedy and punctual compliance. For although by the blessing of Providence we have been conducted thus far in a war with a powerful and enraged Enemy yet the wants of the present year have not enabled us to speak the language of triumph. This indeed may be attributed to a variety of causes, but we cannot refrain from observing that the unpunctuality of the States in their Supplies of men, money and provisions is not one of the least.

It is unnecessary to point out their wants and distresses. They are too well known, too generally felt. Hitherto the war has been carried on principally by Emissions of paper money, This being depreciated and congress having in compliance with the general inclination and voice of their constituents resolved to stop farther Emissions, we are compelled to call upon the States for taxes and specific supplies.

An opinion seems to prevail that foreign loans can be obtained, and we perceive with regret that some are disposed to place too great reliance on this resource. Duty compels us to be explicit with our constituents on a Subject of such interesting importance. Every effort has been made for the purpose of procuring loans; but without sufficient Success to justify a relaxation of our own most vigorous exertions.

It is to be observed that a powerful armed neutrality appears to be formed in Europe determined to support the freedom of Commerce. Should overtures of peace be the result of a convention of the neutral powers, is it not our Interest, is it not our indispensable duty to be prepared for such an Event? Our object is of the greatest magnitude the security freedom & Independence of the United States: and experience evinces that no nation can promise itself a safe and honorable peace, which is not in condition to maintain a war with vigor. We are confident there is no want of ability in the States to do this. Can Arguments then be necessary to call forth every internal resource which may contribute to put a happy period to the war? Is it not high time to expel from our country an Enemy whose progress is marked with blood & desolation and whose successes inspire them only with redoubled vengeance?