

This is a conjuncture that calls for the most serious consideration of these States, Congress have not a doubt in their minds but that each State in the Union is determined to support the confederacy that has been so solemnly entered into through every difficulty & hand it down unimpaired to their posterity. Under these impressions Congress can with confidence call on their constituents for such exertions as are proportionate to the truly critical situation of our affairs. The plan of operations for the present campaign having been preconcerted on the principle of obliging the enemy to abandon their possessions in every part of these States; therefore an unequivocal compliance with the demands heretofore made by Congress for provisions, men & money, are what we have at present to ask for, should these means be expeditiously & punctually put into our hands, we have the most pleasing prospect of putting a speedy and happy issue to the war; by driving the Enemy from their present possessions in every part of these States: but at all events, to confine them to the sea coasts; in order to give as little room as possible to the enemy's claim of *uti possidetis* which will undoubtedly be most Strenuously insisted on by them in the course of the negotiation. A claim totally inadmissible on our part—of course that nothing should be left unessayed by these States to prevent the embarrassments that such a claim must inevitably produce of consequence it is become indispensably necessary by our immediate and under providence successful efforts, to place ourselves in such a situation as to enable our negotiators to speak a firm & decided language becoming the characters of ministers of free sovereign & Independent States. We conclude with observing that from the foregoing communications we are so thoroughly convinced of the most Strenuous exertions of every State in the union to accomplish the great objects herein pointed out, that Congress will immediately proceed to carry into full execution their plans adopted for defeating the ambitious views of our enemies; and be prepared to accept of peace, upon no other terms than the Independence of the thirteen United States of America in all their parts.

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[Sam. Smith, Balt., to Gov. Lee.]

I am honor'd with your Letter of yesterday—the appointment by your Excell^y & the Hon. the Council—I Consider as the greatest favor, & hold myself under particular obligations to your Board for this Singular Mark of their politeness, as well as for many other favors I Have receiv'd from them.

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On Considering the resolves indos'd by your Excell^y & your Excell^{ys} Letter, I think it will be Impossible to procure the Clothing here or elsewhere on the Terms mention'd the Venders will still have but the Credit of the State for payment, this they have had & Complain much of, It will buy nothing here, should I attempt purchases in