

June 1 Philad<sup>a</sup> I must bind myself for payment, they will not trust a State,  
 Red Book that her own Merchants refuses Crediting & Considering every Cir-  
 No. 27 cumstance, the Enemy pushing thro: Virginia already in the very  
 Letter 87 Heart of it our Situation therefore precarious, Superabundant Crop  
 in the Ground, I say under these Circumstances No Man will take  
 pay in flour at so distant a Day as Sept<sup>r</sup> even Suppose the utmost  
 Certainty of being paid then. I presume the Clothing is wanted  
 Immediately to Compleat the 500 Men, No time ought to be lost In  
 Philad<sup>a</sup> on equal Terms with other Merch<sup>ts</sup> I could Certainly pur-  
 chase Goods at least 25 p<sup>c</sup> lower than here, but would not the Delay  
 be a greater Loss than the Advantage of price, I presume it would.  
 Three weeks would at least be lost. Clothing necessary for a future  
 Day might be look'd for. At present our Necessities I conceive are  
 such as will oblige us to be less aconomical than expeditious

If the following plan can be adopted I imagine the Clothing may  
 be procur'd Viz. a Quantity of good Tobacco to be put into my  
 Hands, & an Order for flour to be deliver'd Sure on the 15<sup>th</sup> July  
 sufficient to purchase Clothing as p List Inclos'd & to pay all Ex-  
 pences of Transportation from the Mills, which the Commissaries  
 say they Cannot do,

An Estimate of 500 Suits of Cloths & funds necessary.

500 Coats made up	at £4	£2000.—.—
500 Vests	1	500.
1000 p <sup>s</sup> Linen Overall	10/	500
500 Hats	7/6	187..10.—
500 Black Stocks	2/6	62..18.—
1000 Shirts	20/	1000.—.—
500 p <sup>r</sup> woollen Stockings	15/	375.—.—
1000 p <sup>r</sup> shoes	10/	500.—.—
500 Blankets	40/	1000.—.—
500 Knapsacks	5/	125.—.—
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Transporting 4000 Bb <sup>les</sup> flour at 3/9		£6250.—.—
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4000 Bbles flour each 2 <sup>d</sup> wt N.	30/	£7000.—.—
200 Hhds. Tobacco	100/	£6000
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or 500 Hh <sup>ds</sup> Tobacco	£2500	
3000 Bbles. flour	4500	
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