

December 17  
Red Book  
No. 9  
Letter 106  
[Signed,  
"John  
Hanson,  
Presidt, By  
order of  
Congress  
Phila-  
delphia"]

tricts before their ravages can be Checked. The requisition for the Completion of your Battalions is therefore not only reasonable but indispensable.

Tardiness in the collection of our Troops has constantly encouraged in our Enemy a suspicion, that American opposition is on the decline. Hence money, from time to time, is poured into the Coffers of our enemy, and the lender perhaps is allured by the prospect of receiving it with an usurious interest from the spoils of Confiscation.

To whom then rather than Yourselves who are called to the guardianship & sovereignty of your County can these considerations be addressed? Joint Labourers, as we are in the work of Independence duty impels us to admonish you of the Crises. We possess no funds which do not originate with you, we can command no levies, which are not raised under your own Acts. Well shall we acquit ourselves to the world, should peace, towards the acquisition of which so illustrious a point hath been gained now escape our embraces by the inadequacy of our Army or our treasure: for an appeal to this exposition of your affairs will demonstrate our watchfulness of your happiness.

We conjure you to remember what confidence we shall establish in the breast of that great Monarch who has become a party in our Political Welfare by a bold energetick display of our ability.

We therefore trust in your attention and zeal to avail yourselves at this important Crisis of the Glorious advantages lately obtained, by a full compliance with the requisitions of men & money which we have made to you, the necessity of which hath been pointed out to us by the maturest Consideration on the present circumstances of these United States.

December 18 [Wm. McBryde To His Excellency Thos. Simm Lee Esq<sup>r</sup>  
(p Capt. Handy)

The Bearer has on Board 46420<sup>ll</sup> Salt Beef, Bound to head Elk, but for Reasons before mentioned, have Ordered him Call on you & Please inform me what Price to give for Pork Barrels & in what kind money, Pray Do not load Salt by some of the Vessels, or Depend on the Pork Received & Going to Receiver will not keep in hot weather, Excuse this Incorrectness & Hurry.

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[G<sup>o</sup> Washington, Philadelphia, to His Excellency, Governor Lee.]

You will have been furnished by His Excellency the President with the Resolves of Congress of the 10<sup>th</sup> Instant, calling upon the several States to compleat their respective Quota of Troops by the 1<sup>st</sup> of March next In order to ascertain deficiencies, I am directed to transmit to the Executives of the States, Returns under particular discriptions, of the number of men each has in service. The Troops of your State composing part of the Southern Army, it would occa-