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Your Favour of the 9th of Sept^r I have received; I think such a Congress as the Jersey Assembly desire might be attended, with many good Consequences I would have convened our Assembly on the Receipt of Your Lett^r had there been the least Probability of my prevailing with them to depute Commissioners to meet you with power to make any stipulation or Agreement with respect to the Quota of Men or Money that this Province should advance towards carrying on another Expedition against our common Enemy! but Sir I am sorry to inform you that the Case is far otherwise, some Disputes that subsist between the Branches of our Legislature, have for the present put an entire Stop to all Business. Not even the Ravages that the Enemy have been committing on our Frontiers had weight with our Assembly to make them waive the point in Controversy, you will readily conclude then that my Meeting them on what they have, or would esteem a more foreign Matter would be to little Effect; however as soon as I receive some Letters that I expect very shortly from England I will convene the Assembly & will, you may be assured endeavour to procure some Supplies thro' the present Circumstances of our Affairs & the Vicinity of Incursions of the Enemy against whom an Armed Force in these parts will be requisite,

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