

1133. *Confederate Days, indicate too clearly that the Change in the System of conducting the War has already begun to operate.* - You will observe from the Letter of Morris to the Intendant, that all the Accounts of the Army are to be settled up to the End of the last Year, that Congress take upon themselves the whole Burden of feeding, cloathing and paying the Army for the present, and succeeding Years, for which Purposes they have called upon the States for sufficient Supplies, and that partial Advances made by the States to their Officers or Men for pay due after the Commencement of the present Year, will not be admitted as Charges against the United States, nor suffered to be deducted out of the Pay of those receiving the Advances. In consequence of these Regulations, we take the Liberty of suggesting the Necessity of some Mode being speedily devised for bringing to Settlement all such Advances made to the Line of this State, and the Propriety of repealing the Laws directing them to be made. - Besides the Acts of Congress passed since the last Session, we have thought proper to lay before you all those which in any wise relate to the national Bank, as well as that recommending an Impost of five per cent Duty on all Goods imported and on Prizes, and prize Goods; with the Letter of the Superintendent of Finance, on these important Subjects; conceiving that a Reference to those Papers might become necessary in the Course of your Deliberations. - Permit us, before we conclude, to call your Attention to one more Subject, which we persuade ourselves, you will deem of sufficient consequence to merit your early Considerations. From an Apprehension that the Laws of the last Session were not published soon enough to give the People throughout the State sufficient Information, respecting the Time of compounding for their Certificates, and that considerable Injury might be done to many who, notwithstanding they knew the Law, could not compound, their Certificates being mislaid, or erroneous, Circumstances which they could not guard against; we ventured to give Orders to the Registers of the Land Office, to suspend issuing Warrants of Proclamation to affect such Certificates, until the General Assembly could have an Opportunity of investigating the Subject, directing them to keep an exact Account of all Applications and the Time of their being made; that, if it should be found inexpedient to make any Alteration in the Law the Applicants might not be deprived of their Right of Preamption by our Interference.

Honble The General Assembly.

In Council 5th May 1782

Sir

1134. We have the Honor of your Excellency's Letter of the 28th Ult^o. Immediately on the Arrival of the British Prisoners, we dispatched them, under a regular Guard, to York Town, in Pennsylvania, the Place allotted by the Congress for the British Prisoners. We lament the great Loss sustained, by the Escape of so many Prisoners, and have taken every prudent Measure to guard against similar Accidents.

His Ex^{ty} Count Rochambeau.

In Council 5th May 1782

Sir

1135. We are honored with your Letter of the 29th Ult^o. recommending to our Care the American Convalescents, who have been so much indebted to your Humanity. Permit us Sir, to make you our warmest Acknowledgments for your great Attention to these poor People, and to assure you that we are with the warmest of very great Respect & Gratitude,