

easily all their most vigorous and artful efforts.

I have the honour to be &c

G^d Washington.

N^o 152. To M^{rs} Mary Lee.

Maryland.

Head Qu^{rs} near Passaic Falls 11 Oct^r. 1780.

Madam

I am honoured with your Letter of the 27th of Sept^r. and cannot forbear taking the earliest moment to express the high sense & entertainment of the Patriotic exertions of the Ladies of Maryland in favour of the Army.

In answer to your inquiry respecting the disposal of the gratuity, I must take the liberty to observe, that it appears to me, the money which has been or may be collected, cannot be expended in so eligible and beneficial a manner, as in the purchase of Shirts and Stocks (black) for the use of the troops in the Southern Army.

The polite offer you are pleased to make of your further assistance in the execution of this liberal design, and the generous disposition of the Ladies insure me of its success and cannot fail to entitle both yourself and them, to the warmest gratitude of those who are the objects of it.

I am &c

G^d Washington.