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Sir

The Money sent by me to camp for the use of New Hampshire line, is not by them received; nor would it be of any use to them here; as paper money has entirely stop'd - & the troops are in a bad situation for the want of hard money to buy themselves Sauce & other Necessaries - if hard money can't be obtained between this & the close of the Campaign, I fear the consequence will be that the Army will entirely break up. —

His Excellency is now crossing the Hudson at Kings ferry, with a part of the American, & the French Army. His destination a profound secret - Various are the conjectures ~~but~~ I think it <sup>most</sup> probable he has Cornwallis for his object. and that for want of men, the siege of New York is over, and the French fleet to be ordered to the Chesapeake. —

The Army in Gen. are healthy, & in good spirits, but in great want of clothing, some soldiers in our brigade has no shirt at all, nor nothing to cover themselves with, but a jacket without sleeves, & a pair of ragged Linen overalls. — The Troops on the east side the Hudson <sup>are</sup> chiefly from New England, commanded by General Heath, who are retreating from the lines to some place of greater security. The Rhode Island Reg. & a detachment of Infantry from the Army under the Command of Col. Scammell have crossed with his Excellency. I am Sir Your Most Obedient

Humble servant

To the Hon. <sup>ble</sup> President

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