

Satisfaction from your Assurance "that all the Accounts of the several States shall be speedily liquidated." We doubt not you will use every Effort to accomplish an Object which must be productive of so great and good Consequences. Those States which may be under the pernicious Influence of the Idea, that their Accounts are not to be adjusted with the Continent, will then have no Temptation to withhold their Exertions from the Common Cause; we can with Truth assure you, such an Idea is deemed inconsistent with our Safety, is generally reprobated in this State, and has in no Instance, restrained our Endeavours to comply with the Requisitions of Congress; and it would give us great Pleasure if an immediate Settlement could be obtained, as we are fully persuaded we should be found among the foremost of those States which have done most, and consequently have least to do. To the Accounts against the State, previous to the Resolution of Congress of March the 18th 1780, we can, at present, say but little, as the Principles upon which our Charges against the Continent must be made, are yet to establish. It may not, however, be improper to observe that we have a Flying Camp Account, to a considerable Amount, that we have furnished large Quantities of Arms and Ammunition to the Continent, that we have always had a respectable Army in the Field, raised and equipped, in the first Instance, almost entirely at our own Expence, and that we have a very large Account of Contingencies. We mention these Things because no Accounts of them have yet been exhibited, and not with a Design to conceal under unnecessary Vauntings, our Want of Exertions. With Respect to the Requisitions of Congress, since the Resolution already mentioned, we are well convinced that we have nearly, if not more than balanced them, though unfortunately we cannot now ascertain the Amount of our Compliances, from the present deranged Situation of the public Accounts. Our Returns, which shall be forwarded the first Moment they can be prepared, will convince you Sir, that we have not over-rated our Exertions; mean Time, it may not be amiss to remind you, that besides every Effort to furnish the whole specific Supplies demanded of us, we have been exposed to very heavy Expences, in a great Measure, unknown to the other States, particularly in the Articles of all Kinds of Transportation of Troops and Provisions and the Maintenance of Prisoners. We have also paid very considerable Draughts of the commanding Generals of the Southern Army, made upon us under Recommendations of Congress. Enclosed are all the Acts which have been passed in this State, since the 18th of March 1780, for the Collection of Taxes and furnishing Supplies to the United States; from these you will judge of so much of the internal Police of this State, as relates to the laying, assessing, levying and collecting of Taxes. In Answer to your Enquiries respecting the Amount of the several paper Currencies now circulating in the State, the probable Increase or Decrease of each, and the respective Rates of Depreciation; we have to

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