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Dear Sir,

Philadelphia, Aug. 5th, 1790.

I cannot view the effects of your funding system in the same light that you do. It is to me a monstrous calamity in our country. The high price of wheat during the last year has kept many people from attending to it. But they will avert it to its danger, especially as they will soon be drained of all their certificates at half price by the numerous companies from the states. I wish you success in this every country of the State. — The Spanish in
Americans in America & the English in the East Indies in my opinion do not stain human nature with a blunder since than the conduct of the present Congress towards the Army that established our independence and new government. I grant that you have repaid the evils of your injustice.

But the mass of iniquity is the same. The whole son profits of the war will center in the hands of Americans Tories - Amsterdam &

London Brothers — while the brave men who deserve them will end their lives in jails or hospitals or beg their
bread from door to door. Pardon me for introducing the subject again. I never think of it, without lamenting that I am an American. Vicious Britain! - How differently has she treated her Loyalists from the manner in which America has treated the men who stood up from destruction.

Real property has taken a start in our city. Each lands sell quite rapidly. What then? - This is only the premonitory strength of a convulsion in our country. Our duties are unsound & we must finally perish under the weight of Hamilton's "public blushing" which you have imposed upon our country. Your priding tax would never
have been papered. Let Congress act in 
Philad. —

I have heard nothing lately respecting 
Washington, except that Geo. Ross is 
his decided, but timid friend.

I shall be glad to welcome you to Philad. After your adjournment
under every variety & difference of 
opinion upon public questions let
applied my dear Sir that I am

Wishing yours ever

Affectionately

P.S. you will probably

meet Mr. Rush at

Eliz. town.

25th. May 1801
Dear Sir,

I cannot view the effects of your funding system in the same light that you do. It is to me a Monster—calculated to sow the seeds of every vice & calamity in our country. The high price of wheat during the last year has kept our people from attending to it—but they will awaken to its danger, especially as they will soon be drained of all their certificates at half price by the numerous companies from the brokers who now swarm thro' every county of the state. The Spanish cruelties in America & the English cruelties in the East Indies in my opinion do not stain human nature with a blacker hue than the conduct of the present Congress towards the army that established our independence and new government. I grant that you have lessened the evils of your injustice, by dividing the certificates,—but the mass of iniquity is the same. The whole profits of the war will soon center in hands of American tories—Amsterdam Jews & London brokers,—while the brave men who deserved them, will end their lives in gaols, & hospitals, or beg their bread from door to door.

Pardon me for introducing the subject again. I never think of it, without lamenting that I am an American. Virtuous Britain!—how differently has she treated her loyalists from the manner in which America has treated the men who saved us from destruction!

Real property has taken a start in our city—& back lands sell & settle rapidly. What then? This is only the preternatural strength of a convulsion in our country. Our vitals are unsound—& we must finally perish under the weight of Mr. Hamilton's "public blessing" which you have imposed upon our country.
Your funding law would never have been passed, had Congress sat in Philad.² -

I have heard nothing lately respecting Mr Morris, except that Geo: Ross is his decided, but timid friend. -

I shall be glad to welcome you to Philad² after your Adjournment - Under every vanity & difference of Opinion upon public questions be assured my dear Sir that I am ever yours most

Affectionately

Benj Rush.

PS: You will probably meet Mrs. Rush at Eliz th town. -