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Congress have this Moment formed the following
very important Resolution, which I beg You will please
to communicate ^{immediately} to the Council of Assembly, who
I understand are now sitting

In Congress May 21st 1779

Resolved, that these United States be called upon,
in addition to the sum required by Resolution of
Congress of the 2^d of January last, for the respective
Quotas of forty five Million of Dollars, to be paid
into the Continental Treasury before the first Day of
January next, in the proportion following,
that is to say — ^{They follow the Quotas which}
are exactly in the same proportion with those of
the fifteen Million, called for by the Resolution
of January last above mentioned — so that the Quota
of each State will be 450,000 Dollars —

The Emergency
of our Affairs both foreign and domestic, owing greatly
to the Depreciation of our Money, is grown so
alarming, that every true Friend to this Country
finds himself devoted to new Hopes & Prospects by
this vigorous Measure, which ^{was} become indispensably
necessary as one Step, to recover not only the Credit of
our Currency, but even of our national Councils —

This Operation will be followed, I expect, by others that
will put us in a Situation sufficiently respectable to
confound our Enemies, & give Comfort to every true
hearted Citizen of America.

This will be delivered to you, Sir, by Mr Jonathan Mumford, who
 on behalf of Mr Benjamin Wood Master of a vessel from Bermuda,
 will present to you a Resolution of Congress for the Relief of
 the distressed Inhabitants ^{of that Island} — I need not use any Arguments to
 interest your Humanity in the Cause of these unhappy
 people — Tho' under the power of our Enemies, they are Friends
 to these States, and are ^{such} regarded by Congress and by his most
 Christian Majesty's Minister —

I am, Sir, with great regard,

your very Obedt Serv^t

The Bermudian vessel is loaded
 with salt, if care is taken, the
 Cargo may be divided between
 the three Counties, considerably
 to their advantage — Such salt sells
 here at ten pounds a Bushell, if
 Mr Mumford has pledged his Honour
 to me that it shall be sold at that
 Price in our State

Wm Duhon
 Philadelphia
 May 21 - 1779

Governor Rodney

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[Philadelphia, May 21, 1779]

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Then follow the Quotas which are exactly in the same proportion with those of the fifteen Million, called for by the Resolution of January last above mentioned

So that the Quota of our State will be 450,000 Dollars

The Emergency of our Affairs both foreign and domestic, owing greatly to the Depreciation of our Money is grown so alarming, that every true Friend to his Country finds himself elevated to new Hopes & Prospects by this vigorous Measure, which was become indispensably necessary as one step, to recover not only the Credit of our Currency, but even of our national Councils

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your very hble Serv.t

John Dickinson

Philadelphia
May 21st 1779

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Governor Rodney