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Dear Sir

Philad<sup>a</sup> Aug<sup>14-14</sup> 1790.

I cannot view the effects  
of your funding System in the same  
light that you do. It is to me a mon-  
-ster - 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

cruelty in America & the English cru-  
-elty 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 leped the evils of your injustice,  
dividing the Certificates, - But the snapp  
of iniquity is the same. The whole  
profits of the war will <sup>soon</sup> center in <sup>the</sup> hands  
of American Tories - Amsterdam Jews  
& London Brokers - while the brave  
Men who deserv'd them, will end their  
lives in jails, & 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 ~~etc~~ saved us from Destruction!

Real property has taken a start in  
our city - & Cash lands sell & settle rapidly.  
- what then? - This is only the preternatural  
Strength of a Convulsion in our Country.  
Our Vitals are wounded - & we must finally  
perish under the weight of Mr Hamilton's  
"public blessing" which you have imposed  
upon our Country. -  
Your pending Law would never

have been papered, had Congress sat in  
Philad:<sup>a</sup> —

I have heard nothing lately respect-  
ing ~~your~~ ~~business~~, except that Geo: Ross is  
his decided, but timid friend. —

I shall be glad to welcome  
you to Philad:<sup>a</sup> after your adjournment  
— Under every variety & difference of  
opinion upon public questions be-  
lieved my dear Sir that I am  
ever yours most  
affectionately

P.S. you will probably  
meet Mrs Rush at  
Eliz<sup>th</sup> town. —

Ben<sup>th</sup> Rush.

Philad<sup>a</sup>: Aug<sup>t</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1790.

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 <sup>e</sup>  $\frac{1}{y}$  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 <sup>(sic)</sup> "public blessing" which you have imposed upon our Country. -

Your funding law would never have been passed, had Congress sat in Philad<sup>a</sup> -

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 Philad<sup>a</sup> 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<sup>n</sup> Rush.

PS: You will probably meet Mrs. Rush at Eliz<sup>th</sup> town. -