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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 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 preternaturnal Strength of a Convulsion in our Country. Our Vitals are unsound - & we must finally perish under the weight of Mr. Hamilton's [sic] "public blessing" which you have imposed upon our Country. -

Your funding law would never have been passed, had Congress sat in Philad? -

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^a after your
Adjournment - Under every vanity & difference of Opinion upon
public questions be assured my dear Sir that I am

ever yours most Affectionately Benjⁿ Rush.

PS: You will probably meet Mrs. Rush at Elizthtown. -