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[Philadelphia, May 21, 1779]

Sir,

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 2d. of January last, for their 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"

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

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

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This will be delivered to You, Sir, by M.r Jonathan Rumford, who on Behalf of M.r Benjamin Ward Master of a vessel from Bermuda, will present to You a Resolution of Congress for the Relief of the distrest 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 as such are regarded by Congress and by his most Christian Majesty's Minister

I am, Sir, with great Regard, your very hble Serv.t

John Dickinson

Philadelphia May 21st 1779

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, & Mr. Rumford has pledged his Honour to Me that it shall be sold at that price in our State.

Governor Rodney