Sir, Office of Finance 15th March 1783

86 By an Act of the United States in
Congress Assembled of the Twenty fifth of January
last it is Resolved that the General States be
called upon to compleat without Delay the Settle
-ments with their respective Lines of the Army up
to the first Day of August 1780 and that the Superinten
-dant of Finance be directed to take such Measures as
shall appear to him most proper for effecting the
Settlement from that Period.

Among the various Modes of doing this
Business which have been suggested, the Appointing
to perform it was one and I have preferred it
for the following Reasons. 1st Because it will spare
the Necessity of appointing new Officers for the purpose,
which is by no Means agreeable to me when it
can be avoided. 2dly Because more of the necessary
Materials are already in your Possession than in that
of any other Person. 3dly Because the Access to pub-
-lic Offices and Official Returns is already open to
(you)

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