totally inadmissible on our part — Of course the
nothing should be left unpayed by these States
to prevent the embarrasments that such a claim
must inevitably produce. Of consequence it is be-
=come indispensibly necessary by our immediate
and under providence successfull efforts, to place
ourselves in such a situation as to enable our ne-
=gotiators to speak a firm & decided language
becoming the characters of ministers of free so-
=vereign & Independent States. We conclude with
observing that from the foregoing communication
we are thoroughly convinced of the most strenuous
exertions of every state in the union to accomplish
the great objects herein pointed out, that Congress
will immediately proceed to carry into full execu-
=tion their plans adopted for defeating the am-
=bitious views of our enemies; and be prepared to
accept of peace, upon no other terms than the
Independence of the thirteen United States of America
in all their parts. — By order of Congress

Sam^d. Huntington President

His Excellency
Govr Lee