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War Office October 18th 1777.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of War to represent to you the very low state of the Article of Lead in the Continental Magazines, the great risque and danger the Army will be exposed to, without the speedest supply of that article. It is painful to the Board to be reduced to the necessity of interfering with the private Stock of any particular State, nor would any but the most urgent Demands with which they cannot otherwise comply induce them to do it. I am therefore earnestly to request that you, and the Council will consent to a Loan of what Lead belonging to your State, you think can be spared, & the Board assure you it shall be replaced out of the first importations on continental account should you comply with this request you will be pleased to order Waggons to proceed with it to this place as soon as possible. I have the honor to be, Sir, your very humble Servant

Richd Peters

His Excell Gov Johnson

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