Commensurate with our ability & inclination to repay and by nothing
can both be more satisfactorily evidenced than by a generous exertion
amidst the Langueur of Public Credit —

Arguing from the former dilatoriness of supplies the enem
after having abandoned serious expectations of Conquest by stam
anticipate it an imagination from the dissolution of our Public
Credit. They can not however deny the firmness of the basis on which
it may be placed; when they survey the limits of this confederate
Country, the fruitfulness of its soil, & the industry of its people —

But the want of money is not the only source of our difficu
-ties, nor do the Enemy gather Consolation from the state of our fin
-ces alone, We are distressed by the thinness of our Battalion, so vul
-nerable does the Colonies of Navigation render the very bosom o
these States so dispersed in some parts is the population and so
rapid our Enemy in transportation that they seize and exhaust
large districts before their ravages can be Checked. The requisition fo
the Completion of your Battalions is therefore not only reasonabl
but indispensible) —

Tardiness in the collection of our Troops has constantly
encouraged in our Enemy a suspicion, that American opposition
is on the decline. Hence Money, from time to time, is promised
the Coffers of our enemy, and the lender perhaps is allured by the
prospect of receiving it with an usurious interest from the spoils o
Confiscation —

To whom then rather than Yourselves who are called to
the guardianship & Sovereignty of your Country can these cons
-derations be addressed? Joint Labourers, as we are in the Work of