10 In Council Dec. 1782.

Gentlemen

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We have the honor to lay before you, a letter from Maj. Davidson, representing the distresses of the Soldiers at this post, for want of clothing.

The Congress by their Act of the 7th of August last, declare that the whole expenditures for the United States, shall be from the Continental Treasury - and that no Credit shall be given to any State for partial advances made to the Army, or otherwise on Acct of the United States; and the Financier in almost every letter, repeats the declaration. Under this System, to which the Congress seem determined to adhere, we conceived it would be improper to supply clothing, or any other articles, rations excepted (which are authorized by a particular resolution) to the Recruits raised in this State; & before the men, who are now naked, were collected to this place, & so early as the 25th of October, we wrote to the Financier, & the Secretary

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