your Troops, and the procuring of every possible supply in your power for that end. If the general States exert themselves in future in this instance, and I trust they will, I hope that the supplies they will be able to furnish, in aid of those which Congress may immediately import themselves, will be equal and competent to every demand. If they do not, I fear — I am satisfied that the troops will never be in a situation to answer the public expectation, and perform the duties required of them. No pains — no efforts on the part of the States can be too great for this purpose.

It is not easy to give you a just and accurate Idea of the sufferings of the Army at large, and of the loss of Men on this account. Were they to be minutely detailed, your feelings would be wounded, and the relation would not be probably received without a degree of doubt and discredit. We had in Camp, on the 23d instant, by a Field Return