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Return then taken, not less than 2898 Men unfit for duty, by reason of their being bare footed and otherwise naked.* Besides this number, there are many others detained in hospitals, and crowded in farmers Houses for the same causes.

I flatter myself the care and attention of the States will be directed, in a most particular manner, to the supply of Shoes, Stockings and Blankets; as their expenditure, from the common operations and accidents of War, is far greater than that of any other article. In a word, the united and respected exertions of the States cannot be too great - too vigorous in this interesting work, and we shall never have a fair and just prospect for success, till our Troops (Officers & Men) are better provided for, than they are, or have been.

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