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Sir 21

In a letter which I had the honor of addressing to Your Excellency on the 22 of May — I took the liberty to mention the inconveniences which had proceeded for want of system in the Cloathing department, and the necessity there was for an early appointment of State or sub Cloathier, agreeable to the Ordinance established by Congress, by their Act of the 23 of March, with which I presumed Your Excellency had been made acquainted. I am now under the necessity of troubling You with a farther address, upon the subject of Cloathing itself. From the best information I have been able to obtain, both from Returns and particular inquiries, I fear there is but too much reason to apprehend, that unless the Respective States interpose with their exertions, our supplies of this essential article will be very deficient; and that the Troops may again experience on this account, a part of those distresses,

which

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