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will suffer me therefore to intreat, that if your State have any Expectations from the military Operations of this Season, not another Moment may be lost, in providing for Keeping into most effectual Execution, the full completion of their Battalions — It is merely necessary to inform you, that on this Expectation, all our Calculations must be formed, and on this Event, must rest the Hopes of the ensuing Campaign.

My Intelligence of the actual Aid we may expect from our Allies, is not yet so explicit, as will lead me to decide absolutely upon the mode of Operations for the Campaign — but, were Our Expectations from that Quarter, ever so promising, yet from the Negligence & Languor of the States, from whence our own Exertions are to spring, I am not at this Day enabled to give any Assurances of our being prepared to cooperate with our Allies in any great Objects equal to their Expectations, or our own Ability — I am sorry to acquaint your Excellency, that I have the best Authority to assure you, that the

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