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France is much dissatisfied with this want of Vigour & Exertion in the States, and with that Disposition, which appears willing at least, if not desirous, to cast all the Burthen of the American War upon them — Waving the Injustice & Impolicy of such a Temper, (which to me appear very conspicuous) how humiliating is the Idea, that our Dependence for Support should rest on others, beyond that point which absolute necessity dictates! — how discouraging to our Allies, & how dishonorable to ourselves, must be our Want of Vigor, at a Time when, if we are not wanting to ourselves, our prospects are the fairest that our Wishes could extend to —

I find from the proceedings of the several States, that their Calculation of deficiencies in their Lines, grounded on Applications to the several Towns who furnish the Men, are greatly different from the Returns sent from the Army — I forbear mentioning many Reasons, which might be assigned, to produce this Difference, which in my Opinion, originate