Gentlemen,

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I feel my self happy in having executed the powers intrusted to me, to the satisfaction of my Country.

That my conduct in times of danger, and my attention to the resolves of Congress, and these questions of the Commander in Chief, should receive the approbation and thanks of the Honorable body over whom you preside, excites the most pleasing ideas, with the warmest emotions of gratitude.

It gives me pleasure that the treatment with which I distinguished the Officers of his most Christian Majesty has attracted the notice of the General Assembly — if they in endeavors to support the dignity of my Station, have exceeded the strict bounds of Economy, it was influenced by a zeal for the Honor of my Country, and a desire of winning the Citizen's affection, which this State entertains for its Illustrious Ally, and his generous Subjects;

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