

A Message from the Vice-President to The General  
Assembly

Gentlemen

I send you a copy of a resolve of Congress  
of the 14<sup>th</sup> of November last which I received yesterday  
inclosed in a letter from the Honble Thomas M. Bean  
whereby it appears that that Honble body, the Congress,  
wish to know if any force, in addition to what this  
State can draw forth, is wanting to prevent the deserted  
Inhabitants thereof from furnishing the Enemies Fleet  
or Army with Provisions or supplies of any kind -  
I think it my duty to lay this before you for your  
opinion as from your dispersed Residences in this  
State you are enabled to Judge of the Probability of  
our sufficiency in this business.

I also request your attention to the last part  
of the said Resolve respecting a speedy Representation  
in Congress from this State.

I have directed the Secretary to lay before you  
Mr. M. Bean's account against the State which I doubt  
not you will take into consideration and make  
provision for discharging before the rising of the  
General Assembly.

Geo. M. Bean

Dover 15 Dec. 1777.

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