

A Message from the Vice-President to The General Assembly.

Gentlemen,

I am called upon by Lieutenant Col: Pope of the Delaware Battalion in the Continental Service for a supply of Money to enable him to proceed in the Purchase of Cloathing within the State for the Use of that Battalion whose Wants in that Article are great which You will perceive by a Letter from his Excellency General Washington of the 8th of November last delivered to me by Col: Pope which I now send you — As I have no publick Money in my Disposal I request You to take this Application under your immediate Consideration — It is of the utmost Importance that our Troops be enabled to keep the Field at this critical Juncture — This is not to be expected unless they are cloathed — The Success Col: Pope has hitherto met with in this Business induces me to believe that he is a very fit Person to be entrusted on this Occasion — Col: Pope is now in Town and may be called upon to explain the Reason of his present Application and the Progress he hath already made and what are his future Expectations. —

Dover 12 Dec: 1777.

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