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**Thomas Mifflin to Unknown Person, April 4, 1784**

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Annapolis April 4th, 1784

Sir

The subject of this address claims the attention of your Excellency on the principle of the most urgent necessity. The state of our finances is such as to require the united efforts of Congress and of the several states for obtaining immediately a supply of money to prevent the loss of public credit. When the army were furloughed, they had the promise of three months' pay, and as then there was not money in the treasuries, the Superintendent of finance was under the necessity of issuing his notes to discharge them and other demands. The Notes becoming due
part of them were redeemed with money supplied by the several States; but this being inadequate, the financiers drew bills on Holland for the deficiency. A considerable proportion of these drafts have been paid by loans obtained there on the credit of the United States; but the letters from our Bankers to the Superintendents of finance inform that they had been under the necessity for the want of funds, to suffer so many to be protested for non acceptance, as with the damages on protest in case of non payment will amount to the sum of $36,000 dollars. We expect the return of these bills under a protest for non payment, and should there not be money in the Treasury of the United States to discharge them, Your Excellency may easily conceive the deplorable consequence.
Under such circumstances Congress think it their duty to communicate the matter confidentially to the Supreme Executive of each State, and to request in the most pressing terms their influence in prompt and unfailing to furnish with all possible dispatch or requisitions unsatisfied their respective quotas of the fund mentioned, according to the appointment hereunder transmitted. I shall only add, sir, that Congress rely on your wisdom, for accomplishing their views with as much dispatch as possible, and that the estimates and requisitions for the year will be soon transmitted to your Excellency. I have the honor to be with much respect—Your Excellency,

"Humbly yours,

(Signed) Thomas Jefferson"
The apportionment of the $636,000 dollars is as follows:

New Hampshire: $28,840
Massachusetts: $45,159
Rhode Island: $13,703
Connecticut: $56,007
New York: $54,375
New Jersey: $35,344
Pennsylvania: $87,000
Delaware: $9,516
Maryland: $60,003
Virginia: $108,750
North Carolina: $46,218
South Carolina: $40,782
Georgia: $4797

Total: $636,000