

## **Governor George Mathews to William Pierce, Augusta, 16 October 1787**

I had the pleasure of receiving your favors of the 25 September and 10th instant; the attention you have paid to the interest of this state merit my warmest approbation. Your letter to Mr. Gardoque and his answer is ordered to be published. Enclosed is my order on the Secretary at War [Henry Knox] for the arms and military stores. I have to request you'd lose no time in having them brought to this state, for such is our situation that we are engaged in a war without the means requisite to prosecute it, and a number of the members of Assembly on this critical and alarming occasion decline rendering their country any service or discharging the trust reposed in them by their constituents. How they can reconcile it to their feelings is a matter difficult for me to say. Such is my present situation that from a variety of difficulties I am at a loss what steps to pursue.

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