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Nathaniel Greene

Robert Morris

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Extract of General Greens letter of the 13th

August. 1782

" I see by your letter to Hall this State is to be allow'd for
" the Articles they furnish'd the prices allow'd by Congress for
" Specific Supplies - Those are very high much more so
" than they could be got for Cash - But it may be just
" enough to this State & Georgia who have suffered such
" ravages - But was I at Liberty or had I the means to
" pay I could Contract for the subsistance of the Army
" at the same Rate your Contracts are at the northward

" I also saw a letter of yours to W. Hall which
" gave me some uneasiness - you seem to think the
" scale of expence which Halls Estimate amounted to,
" ought to admit of an Issue of 12,000 Rations, our actu-
" -al Issues are about six - inclosed I send you an Esti-
" -mate the greater part taken from the Books of Issues, and
" also an Estimate of the Issues of Forrage, but as these
" Articles are furnish'd by the State they will not distres-
" you - Our Issues are large for the operating force but
" the Staff and Militia swells them greatly -

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Mr. Morris }
to General Greene }

Office of Finance 11 Septem^r. 1782.

" My letter to Mr. Hall proceeded on the
" Estimates which he had handed to me; and he now in
" answer informs me that those Estimates were too large
" so that you will perceive my Ideas were well founded -
" I did agree to the prices for the provisions which you
" mention'd but this was under the assurance that they
" could not be purchased cheaper for Cash nor indeed so
" cheap, I confess I was surpris'd and have express'd my
" opinion that they were Extravagant."

Compare with the Record of the Originals in
the office of the Comm^r of the Board of Treasury.

W^m Dear Secy —

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