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To the Hon^{ble} Council & House of Representatives
Gentlemen

Whereas the Hon^{ble} Provincial Congress
for the Colony of New Hampshire did
on the 11th of Sept^r 1775 grant me a Commission
dated the 11th Sept^r 1775 Appointing me
a second Lieut^{nt} of the M^{at}ross Com^{pany}
under the Command of Cap^t John Satter
for the Defence of Piscataqua Harbour
the same I accepted & am yet in the Service
On Wednesday March 6th 1776 as I was then in my
M^{at}rosses of Corporal of the Guard informed
me that the Lively Man of War & a Top sail
Schooner were coming in the Harbour then
being the Commanding Officer as Cap^t
Satter was absent I immediately Orderd
Every man to his Quarters I taking a
Prospective Glass & Observing the Ship
stand within Musket shot of the Privateer
Larkoo I then & come to stay & stand
out again the Larkoo I then gave her
a shot which I immediately answered with
sup^r four pounders as an Alarm to all
absent belonging to the M^{at}ross likewise to
such as were disposed to defend their
Country; I saw nothing of Cap^t Satter
untill past ten I being then at supper
he Opened the door of the Room & began
a great abuse on my Conduct in firing
the Alarm Guns; I made Answer it was
my Duty in his Absence as M^r Pickers
had left the M^{at}ross (Ulger Expressions of his
I Omit) He has Orderd me away from the
M^{at}ross & has gave Orders that none of the
People should Obey me for no other Reason
than their Obeying my Orders that right in
firing the Alarm Guns without first word^{ing}
for them; Many of your Honors are Acquaint^d
with my Character & as my Undertaken was
sincerely for good of the Cause

And

And as Capt. Waller has from time to time
used me ill through his Arbitrary Principles
I desire a dismission from your Honors
being determined never to act under a
Man that Prefers his Arbitrary Will to the
good of his Country - I do not think
the matter safe as the People almost
to a Man is determined to leave the
Matter on my leaving; But I shall
wait on the Matter with Patience
untill your speedy Orders come
I should in Duty shall ever pray for your
Honors & every Friend to the Liberty
that our Hon^{ble} Fathers purchas'd at so
dear a rate

I am Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Serv^t Dan^l Cogan