

The Deposition of Jacob Hurd  
 Son of John Hurd Esq: Aged twenty Years  
 having resided at Lyman in County Graf-  
 ton State of New Hampshire the year  
 past on his Fathers plantation bordering  
 on Connecticut River - The Deponent  
 declares & says that on y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> day of Nov<sup>r</sup>  
 Ins<sup>t</sup>. Luther Richardson of Gunthwaite  
 who called himself a Deputy Sheriff under  
 Robert Johnston of Newbury, Sheriff of y<sup>e</sup>  
 County of Orange in the State of Vermont,  
 together with John Young, John Sawyer  
 Benj<sup>a</sup> Sawyer & Jacob Shoff, came up to  
 our Settlement in said Lyman, and asked  
 me if I had any Wheat to sell, for they want-  
 ed to buy some for the Soldiers then at  
 Peacham raised under the Authority of

Vermont - I told them I had <sup>not</sup> any to  
part with, for I had promised it for the  
work I had engaged to be done - upon  
which said Luther Richardson then said  
he had a Warrant from the Court at N<sup>o</sup> 4,  
meaning Charlestown, to take a hundred  
Bushel they heard was at that place.  
Upon which I told him I did <sup>not</sup> look upon it  
we were under the state of Vermont, that  
they were <sup>not</sup> yet established as a state by Con-  
-gress, when I knew they were so, I should  
be willing to supply any thing I had to  
spare for the use of the soldiers, but at  
present I would not <sup>con</sup>sent to part with a  
Bushel - Upon that said Luther Richardson  
went into the Barn with the other persons  
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against the Store Door, when Richardson  
came up, seiz'd me by the Collar, & told me  
to stand away, I said I would not, with w<sup>h</sup>ich  
he gave me a Twick & tore my Coat  
Sleeve almost off & held me fast till they  
open'd the Door went into the Store, not  
finding a measure they fill'd their  
Baggs & carried off about 18 or 20 Bushels  
as we judg'd. And further said Richardson  
threatn'd, that if I did not behave my-  
self well, he would carry me out to the  
fort at Peacham about Eight miles  
out in the woods, The next day said  
Richardson return'd with J<sup>r</sup>. Young  
& a party of men Under  
Arms in Number about Six or Eight

& measured up twenty five Bush. more  
of wheat & forcibly carried off the same

Nov: 26<sup>th</sup>: 1785

Jacob Hurd  
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Suffolk Co: Boston H. ~~26~~ 1785

Jacob Hurd personally appearing made  
solemn Oath to the truth of the foregoing  
Deposition by him subscribed —

before me

Richard Caneh Jus: Pacis.