Dear Sir,

I now enclose my letter to you written with silent contempt; yet when any thing is
wrong wherein I think improper in the state papers,
and in a particular manner, highly important,
I conceive it my duty, apart from common politeness,
to inform you of such. I am the late return con-
dept of Vermont, in extending their pretended claim
to the encroachment and threatening to support it by a trea-
tory force, and indeed their want of the proper panel
are actually in arms, in open defiance and execu-
tion of the rules of Congress, and are now actually
appearing themselves to the house armed by the state
of New York, to put their constitutional laws in execution.
The late committees, in acting under the auth-
city of Vermont, and the other civil officers owing alle-
giance to the State of New York, are now prepared at de-
duce an appointment. In further particular, I SHALL
not refer you to Captain Tegg, who can have the
power of delivering this.

Have been favoured with a perusal of the
proceedings of the legislature of the Vermont State upon
the subject of their laws relative to the union of the
United States, and find, that they have not only rej

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with the institutions of Congress, and sincerely have done and their authority. I don't further presume that they in their great wisdom have the power to appoint a committee to determine whether New Hampshire shall or not. The procedure appears too weak. — For men of sense to suppose that New Hampshire would ever consent to an indignity so flagrant, or an abuse so pointed as that seems to be, is what I own very much surprises me. However, I desire and expect have no doubt but that New Hampshire will be more solicitous than to take notice of this daring insolence, which I mean by patronize, to think of this and stand up with them upon this, or any other subject, unless Congress have come to a final determination with respect to such people.

I am for your most obedient servant,

John [Signed]

[Signature]

Gentleman, Blackford.