

Charlestown July 30th 1782

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Sir

On receiving your Honors Citation to appear
at Exeter the first Friday of August to Support
our Claim to Nathaniel Powers and others

Soldiers in ^{the} service of ^{the} United States, Claimed
by the Town of Richmond, we consulted the
Inhabitants of this Town and by them are
directed to say before you the following facts
relative to the Subject.

1st That said Soldiers being Inhabitants of this
Town previous to their Enlistments ought of
Course to be accounted for the Town.

2nd That as ^d persons have their Settlements in
this Town. If they shall be Maimed or otherwise
disabled in the war, must be maintained and
Supported by said Town, except the small
Provision made by the State

3rd That their Families have received every necessary
Supports from this Town.

4th We conceive the Claim of the Town of Richmond
to be Groundless without Reason, and Unjust,
having no pretentions (that we can learn) than
having hired them in the year 1778 for the
Term of two years. yet they ^{were} obliged to tarry
for three years. during the whole of which
time they served for the Town of Richmond,
without any other Consideration than being hired

For two Years and have been ever unable, ^{to} ^{obtain} any
Allowance from said Richmond tho often requested
and as we conceive justly merited
And we conceive the Town of Richmond never caputed
or ever thought of those persons being in service
as part of the Quota for said Town ~~of~~
as they never made any Challenge or Return of them
untill very lately

5th If the Claims of Richmond should be allowed
it may serve as a precedent to exempt some
Towns from supplying their equal Proportion
of men at the expence and oppression of others
whose Inhabitants have been free and forward
in the Service of the publick for while the latter
are Stripp'd of their ~~inhabitants~~ and burdened with
the expence of their Families and liable to be
charged for the Support of disabled Soldiers and their
needy Dependants ~~while~~ the former are wholly
exempted without any present expence or being
liable to future charge we suppose the above
Reasons are sufficient and wait your Determination

We are your Honors most Obedt Servts

Honble Joseph Ware Esq^r
President of the Committee
of Safety

Wm Heywood }
John Hubbard }
of Charlestown