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Sir

I have the honour to inclose to your Honour a Return of the deserters from from the 1^o New Hampshire Reg.^t (and that part of the late 3^d Reg.^t which is now incorporated with the first,) from the beginning of the year 1777, to this time, with such descriptive remarks as we are able to collect, but from a loss of many original papers, as well as many of our Officers, the remarks are not so complete as I could wish;

I am inform'd that a new arrangement of the Army is about to take place, in consequence of which I shall be oblig'd to retire from service, together with about sixteen other Officers of our line; I suppose it is done intirely on a principle of economy, which I think is very necessary. I hope none of our services will be necessary in the field.

field much longer. I think it is high time to have
Peace, we have a respectable army at present,
but I fear our means for supplying them will run
short soon, our soldiers are very patient, and say
very little about pay, but I fear their patience
will be worn out if we don't have peace soon; they
have been very well clothed & fed this year, but
they begin to be very naked for shirts, and we have
no prospect of relief. I have sent to Headquarters
but found no prospect of any supply there; if
the State could send on a small supply of shirts
for the soldiers & some linnen for the Officers, it
would be a very agreeable circumstance.

I have the Honour to be

with the highest sentiments of respect

Your Honour most Obed^t

& very Hum^l Serv^t

A. Dearborn

The Hon^{ble}

President Weare