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To the Hon^{ble} the Council, and House of
Representatives of the State aforesaid, now sitting at
Exeter in and for the State aforesaid

Humbly Sheweth, Samuel Dunscombe
of the Island of Bermuda, that by the Indulgence and
Lenity of the Continental Congress, the Inhabitants of
that Island & its Dependances, were induc'd to Trade
and keep up, a friendly Intercourse with these States,
that in the Beginning of the of this Fall, on his Passage to
this State he was captured by the Privateer Little John
and sent into Boston, where he was released; the Property
of his Vessel belonging to some Inhabitants of the Island
of Bermuda; in Consequence of his Release he sail'd
from Boston to this Port with a Cargo of Salt which
he brought in his said Vessel from the Island of
Bermuda for the Use of these States; that he has
with said Salt purchased a Quantity of Timber &
some Small Spars, which he has provided for his
outward bound Cargo, which the naval Officer of your
Port refuses to clear out, as contrary to some Restrictions
of the Continental Congress, which said Restrictions
your Petitioner humbly conceives have for some
Time, been taken off, and the Reason for which they
were laid, long since subsided. Wherefore

Samuel Dunscombe's Petition.
Nov. 21. 1778.

Your Petitioner most humbly Prays the
Hon^{ble} Assembly, that they would take his
Case into their wise and just Consideration &
that they will give him Leave to take on Board
Such Ships as he may have Occasion for, and
that the naval Officer of this Port, may be di-
-rected to clear them out, according to Custom &
due Form of Law, and your Petitioner as in
Duty Bound will ever Pray.

Samuel Duncombe

Portsmouth Nov^r 2nd 1779