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Council Chamber Roxbury April 10th 1778

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I am directed by the Council to inform You that they have found it necessary in order to obtain a sufficient number of Prisoners to redeem our suffering Brethren now Prisoners in the Hands of the Enemy to take bond of all Persons taking out a Commission for any armed vessel, in the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds Conditioned that they shall not carry out with them any Person in pay of this State, or any Officer or Soldier belonging to the Continental Army, nor to bring home with them or deliver to some Company of Prisoners in some of the United States, all Prisoners by them taken

I am also directed to request the State of New Hampshire will take the same Precaution, the better to effect the good purposes intended to be answered thereby

In the Name of the Council of the Council

I am, With great Esteem

Sir, Your very humble Servant
John Avery Esq.

The Hon^{ble}. Meshech Weare Esq.

Letter from Meshech Weare Esq.
Council Chamber
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Council Chamber Roxbury April 16, 1778

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The Hon.^{ble} Meshech Weare Esq.^r Sir, Your very hble Serv^t

John Avery [D^y S^y]

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