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Bennington 8th Aug. 1781

Dear Sir

On my arrival at Bennington I found the true state of the people to be very different from the reports that prevailed in New Hampshire — The day I came to town 500 of them had just returned from an alarm. On the fifth Inst. a party of the Enemy was discovered by accident in Bennington, making for the Green Mountains. The alarm flew like lightning and they were followed with unremitted Vigour. The party consisted together with Lord Blakeney and two servants, that had been made prisoners by them in the heart of the Country — They had orders from Colonel Bledsoe to seize on some intelligent persons and convey them to Canada: they had executed their plan and supposed themselves in a state of security, when a party of three came up and ordered them to throw down their arms, they obeyed the mandate and were prisoners in Bennington by 10 o'clock P.M. —

The cash that I had of you is not competent to my support. It is scarce known in this Country; and unless I can procure some from you that is more respected by the inhabitants of this Country I am certainly in danger of suffering. —

I am Dear Sir

with respect Y^r Obedient
your Honor most Obedt^l
& Aff^l Serv^t.

Wm. Starbuck

President Ware

From Genl Starbuck
8th August 1701

Recd 16th 1701