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State of New Hamp^{sh} } The Memorial of John Windell
of Portsmouth Esq. unto the Honorable
Committee of Safety of said State most
respectfully shews -----


*found in
original of 1782*

That your memorialist was applied to in the
Month of May 1779 for a Sum of Money by the
Committee of War to supply the Necessities of y^e
Army (as there was no Money in the Treasury)
and by Letters from the General, there was Danger
that the Army would disband unless some Sup-
plies were immediately forwarded = Your Memo-
rialist having but a small Sum by him which
he had just received at Nine for One, and having
engaged it in the purchase of some loaf Sugar
at Boston on which he would have made a very
considerable Profit, at first refused or declined to
lend it, but Col^o Wentworth being very pressing he
consented, provided the Committee of Safety and
the Treasurer should request it in writing -
Col^o Wentworth thereupon waited on them, of
which the Treasurer has a full Remembrance
and perhaps some of the present Gentlemen
of

of this Honorable Committee may have some Remembrance of this Circumstance) It was then thought that if the Committee of War was to desire in behalf of the State, it would carry a full weight with it; Upon this Report and a Request in Writing of said Committee, Your Memorialist lent them One Thousand Pounds (tho' greatly to his Disadvantage) and received a State Note from them which remains unpaid to this day, though the said Committee then promised that when ~~the~~ the Money sh^d be paid to all others in Payment as far as their Interest would avail; Y^r Memorialist is always Creditor to the Government on other Securities which he expects to be a sufferer in with y^e other Creditors of the State but he humbly begs leave to conceive this Demand as a Debt of Honour which cannot with Justice be refused, as it was not a deposited Sum but lent upon Principles of Friendship to the public Cause and greatly to his own Hurt, by foregoing a certain Profit in Merchandise that had secured to Himself — Your Memorialist

humbly conceives, That this Honorable Committee
are the proper Authority to redress him, as an
application to the General Assembly might be
followed by many others, tho' not of so interesting
a Nature, and in which ^{the Honors of} the Honorable Committee
and the Committee of War are so connected — Your
Memorialist only requests Justice that his Money
may be made good and an Order on the Treasury
to pay him in Certificates to enable him to
discharge his Taxes for Lands that may be ex-
posed to the self interested Views of avaricious
Collectors and their designing Associates —

Your Petitioner & Memorialist as in
Duty bound shall ever pray —

John Wendell


Memorial of
John W. Wendell Esq

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