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State of N^H In Com^{tee} Safety Exeter July 23, 1779

We are Informed that you propos'd to move the Continental Store from Portsmouth in this State, as being unnecessary to be continued here any longer -

I am directed to inform you, that keeping & continuing a Continental Store in this State is of great use & ^{Advantage} ~~service~~ to the public ~~good~~ service - many of the soldiers are raised, ^{upward of} ~~near~~ 100 miles to the Eastward of Portsmouth, & there is no Store within 60 miles to the Southward of that place, which would make it very difficult for them to march so far, before they could draw Provisions - also we are in this State, very frequently sending recruits to the Army, Men on furlow, whereby there is almost Daily applications to the Contl. Store for supply of Provisions to enable soldiers to proceed on the public service, that if they could not draw provision here, it would be extremely difficult for them to proceed, & the service ^{would} ~~must~~ be ^{much} ~~retarded~~, we have no doubt of your good intentions to conduct matters in such a manner, as shall be most for the public utility, and removing the Continental Store from ^{this State} ~~the State~~, would, we ~~truly~~ conceive, be very injurious to the service, ~~wherefore stand we exceeding that that Com^{tee}~~ viewing the matter in this light, we are ^{inclined to hope} ~~inclined to hope~~ you will continue the store here, so long as it shall be for the public good. I am by order of the Com^{tee}, your most obed^t Servant

To Saml Gray Esq Dep^y Com^{dy} of Issues Danbury Con^t

Duplicate Letter to Saml Gray,
Esq. Dep. Commissary at Dan-
bury, Conn., regarding remov-
ing the botanical store
from Danbury.
July 23, 1779.

Duplicate Letter to
Saml Gray Esq Dep Com^y
of Issues at Danbury
Connecticut

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