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At a Legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Merimack on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February instant the following resolves passed Unanimously  
Viz.

First. Cap<sup>t</sup>. Thomas Barnes was Chosen Moderator.

Secondly. Resolved as the Opinion of this Town that the articles of Confederation as formed by the Continental Congress appear to be well adopted to cement the union of the said States to confirm their Mutual friendship Establish their freedom and Independance and Promote their general Welfare, And the Representative for this town is hereby instructed to give his Vote in the general Assembly that the Delegates of this State may be authorized to Ratify the said Articles of Confederation in order that the same may become conclusive. And Whereas the present form of Government in this State was entered into from necessity and designed only to be temporary, and as the same is found from Experience to be deficient in many instances, Resolved that Cap<sup>t</sup>. Samuel Patten be instructed in the General Assembly in their present Session to Appoint and call a full and free Representation of all the People in this State to meet in Convention at such time and place as shall be appointed by the General Assembly for the sole purpose of framing and laying a Permanent plan or system of Government in this State.

A True copy Attest Augustus Blanchard Town Clerk

At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of January Voted that Cap<sup>t</sup>. Samuel Patten be instructed to act agreeable to the foregoing Directions Excepting the Eighth Article in the aforesaid Confederation which we pray may be properly considered in the General Assembly Respecting the Personal estate being exempted from paying some part of the expence of the war and other exigencies that may be incurred for the Common defence of said States

John Coffe }  
James Newhall } Committee



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