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Daily Representations, and made to me, by Officers: that it is not in their power to comply, with the Terms of their Furloughs, for want of Cash: They inform, applications have been made, but to no Effect, the Sum granted, are either so small, or not granted, till delays, have involv'd them so deeply in Debt, that the greater Part of theittance allow'd them, was expended before it was received. — As Commander, Officer of the New Hampshire Line I think it behoves me to hear, their just Complaints, and endeavour, all in my power (by representation,) to alleviate their Distress — I apprehend it necessary, that something, should be done, that may appear liberal, and to inspire the Officer and Soldier, with Sentiments, equal, to the arduous Task, of performing the severe Duties of a Campaign, which is now opening to our View: and promising the most pleasing, and advantageous Prospect. But those dawning Ideas, will be but as an elusive Dream, if something, is not speedily fallen upon, to put the Officers, and Soldiers, in a Situation to act, with that Spirit, which the several Capacities of their Regiments require.

I am inform'd that the Troops of the State, have now, in the Hands, of the State, about two Years Pay, exclusive of what has been lately proposed to be paid them, either in Money, or Cloath, allowing that to be the Case, as I am assured

Letter from Gen. John



it is, the Legislative Body of the State of  
New Hampshire, cannot suppose, that Officers,  
and Men in the Army, have sufficient Estates,  
to support them a third Year, without assistance.  
It is certainly a melancholly, and discouraging  
Circumstance, that they cannot procure Money  
enough, to defray their necessary Expences to  
Camp, where they have not a single Prospect  
of any Relief; witness the last Campaign,  
which was replete with the sufferings, of both  
Officers, and Soldiers.

It is now, my Wish, Gentlemen,  
that this Hon<sup>ble</sup>. House, would take the matter  
under consideration, and give me an answer,  
on which mine to the Officers must be founded.

With due respect Gentlemen,

I have the Honor to be your

most Obed<sup>t</sup>. & Aff<sup>l</sup>. Servant.

Exeter 4<sup>th</sup> April 1761.

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The Hon<sup>ble</sup> the House of Representatives  
State of New Hampshire —