

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

Animated with a high sense  
of the unmerited Honour done me by the General  
Assembly of this State, in their late Choice of  
Delegates to represent them in the American Congress,  
I have considered the subject with mature Deliberation.  
And tho, the inconveniences of relinquishing domestic  
happiness, leaving the pursuit of my private interest,  
and encountering the Dangers of a different Climate,  
are Considerations, which tho, in themselves are not inconsiderable,  
have little influence on my mind, — When I reflect upon  
the confidence reposed in me, the Duties of that important  
trust and how unequal I am to the ~~arduous~~ arduous  
the Honorable Employment, I am filled with great  
Concern & Diffidence — Yet from a Zeal for a glorious  
Cause of my Country, a hearty desire of contributing  
my Mite for it, political salvation of these United States, I  
am induced with indelible sentiments of Gratitude to accept  
of the appointment — Relying on the Candour of my fellow  
Citizens for a favourable Construction of every part of my Conduct  
and in earnest expectations of being Honoured with it. Gentlemen  
who now stand elected for my Colleague, whose integrity & experience  
will greatly facilitate the undertaking. — And shall at all  
times esteem it an additional Honour done me to receive Advice  
and direction from this State upon every important Subject  
of Public Concernment — At the same time not doubting  
but the General Assembly of this State will in proper time  
make adequate Grants for my Services, and if necessary  
expenses attending of Same. with suitable Differences for  
Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir —

Your Honour —

— and if General Assembly  
most obliged, obedient  
— and very Humble  
Serv<sup>t</sup> —

Nath Peabody



Atkinson 31 March 1779.

P. S. Sir As it was my Duty

so it was my inclination to have  
waited on y<sup>e</sup> General Assembly in  
person, and given my answer — But  
hope y<sup>e</sup> difficulty of Travelling — and my being  
some what unwell may apologise for my  
absence

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> M. Ware Esq President  
of y<sup>e</sup> Council in N. Hampshire

From Col<sup>o</sup> Berbody March  
79  
accepting the appointment of  
delegate to Congress.