

Quartermaster

O Haverhill

126 101

Understanding Major Child had received Orders to purchase Supplies for the support of the Troop on this frontier - I accordingly made an Application for a Supply of Fresh Beef and Flour, which articles we stand in the utmost need of - as well as a Supply of Rum for Men on Indian Fronts & Battagues? He informed me yesterday that he had no Orders to purchase Beef - neither could he purchase one Bushell of wheat at the affixed price - There is a large Quantity of Flour in this Neighbourhood which Major Child purchased last fall for the Public, but the Term of time out for payment expiring before he received Cash for the purpose was obliged to refund the Flour to the persons agreeable to Contract - several Tons of this Flour could be purchased again within three weeks - unless secured by that time it will be exported -

I could with ~~some~~ the most speedy & effective measure might be taken - either by issuing Orders to the select men of ~~each~~ Towns adjacent to turn in such quantities agreeable to the Tax Bill as will afford us a Supply? or that Money may be forwarded for the purpose of purchasing the Beef as well as the Flour - We have only a few Barrels of Salt Beef in Store, which ought to be reserved for Sighting Parties, as it will be exceedingly difficult procuring Pork - and fresh Beef will by no means answer that purpose -

I must also mention the necessity of employing a Gun Smith to repair Guns for the Troop in this Quarter - This can easily be effected

at this place, was I put in a capacity to furnish the
Person his Pay for such services——

— It has been represented at Head Quarters
that, a large Quantity of Grain is laid in here for
Public use—— Fearing this should occasion a Disappoint-
ment in case an Army is thrown into this Quarter
the present Summer (as we have much reason to
believe there will)—— I wish to have the matter rightly
understood, that the Grain was principally disposed
of for reason afore mentioned——

— I have nothing for News to Communicate
no Discoveries at present of the Enemies intention
to visit this Quarter—— Our men are hearty
give good Spirits——

I am Sir

with due respect

Your most Obedt

and very

Humble Servt——

M. M. (M. M.) Esq.——

Benj^l Whitcomb

hphant

tu

by

round

to

tion

17



Maj. Whitcomb

Public Service

The Honorable

Walter D. White

President, Committee of Safety

Exeter

Mr. W. D. White