

Gentlemen

Since my arrival to this place I have been exceedingly
 busy in ^{copying & preparing} the pay rolls, of the several
 Camps belonging to our Colony - which has taken up
 more time than I expected, ~~but~~ ^{supposing} when I
 came away - that the rolls were ^{made} ready ~~for~~ ^{for} ~~exam~~ ^{tion}
 but ~~in~~ the form in which they were made, was so
 different from the form of the Massachusetts, they
 were obliged to make them all over again - ^{the first}
 roll that was ~~examd~~ ^{ready for payment} & paid, ~~was~~ ^{was} yesterday - immediately
 upon which, I began to pay (observing the directions
 of the House Congress) I had paid off ^{about} half Capt. Towns
 Camp ^{in Mr. Kings House, counting room in this town} ~~they were chiefly gone~~ it being about 4 or 5 o'clock
 in the afternoon, about 30 or 40 men, with Life & drum
 & Bayonets fixed ~~came~~ ^{came} marched to the front of Mr
 Halls House, where they halted & stood formed ~~at~~ 2 or
 3 of them came in at the fore door, & called upon Mr Hall
 for me - he came to me & let me know it, I told him
 that I was very busy paying off some ~~of the~~ ^{of the} ~~rolls~~ ^{rolls}, & that
 I would wait on them in a few minutes - he returned
 & told them - they ^{told him that they} would not wait, but must see me
 immediately - Mr Hall came & let me know what they deman-
 ded - upon which I immediately went to the fore door -
 to them & asked what they wanted, they told me that
 Col^d Stark had ordered them to come & carry me up to
 the Hill, I asked them ~~what~~ ^{the} meaning of his orders, they
 told me that it was not for them to say, but that it
 was Col^d Starks positive orders, that they should carry
 me up to the camp, & he would let me know the
 meaning of these things, they ^{they said} came for me, & go I must
 & go I should - some of them getting behind me pushed
 out of the door - I told them that I had left a large
 sum of money on the table ~~papers~~ ^{papers} & told them
 that I should be glad to go & take care of them, before
 I went - they says, No, you shall not enter the House
 again till you have been to Col^d Starks - I endeavored
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in a cool & Dispassionate a manner as possible,
to convince them that they were wrong, that they
were hurting the Common Cause, that they had no
right to force me from my Lodgings, money
papers &c. but no Arguments would prevail they
ordered me to march, took hold of me pulled & pushed
me along - would not suffer me to ride; I asked them the
Liberty of my hat & loose Coat, which were in the
House, they would not suffer me to go in & get them
but with some persuasion, they suffered ~~me~~
them to be brant & allowed me to wear them -
(this Conference lasted as near as I can judge about
15 minutes - during which time ~~some~~ sundry of them
treated me with the most scandalous Reflections) they
then put me between 4 fixed Bayonets & marched
me to Winter Hill to Col^d Harts Barrack - & conducted
me into his Room where he was, about 20 of them
went into ~~the~~ ^{his} Room with me - after some minutes
standing - (he seeming to be a little surly) I asked him
the meaning of ^{this} ~~that~~ ~~he~~ ~~sent~~ ~~me~~ ~~in~~
~~for me in such a manner~~ - & how he came to order
me there in such a manner - he answered, that
he had not ordered it - I asked how it was possible
for them to do what ^{they} had done, unless it was by ^{his} order
- he replied, that he did not order them, but ^{that} gave
them leave to go & bring me up, I told him, that I
thought it to be the most detestable ^a movement that ever
I heard of in my life, that it was very abusive, he
told me, that it was good eno for me, & ^{that} it was well that
the men had not hanged me on Mistick Bridge - I
told him that I was much surprized to hear him talk
in that manner - that he ought not to treat & abuse a
servant of the Colony of N. Hampshire in such a manner
that he did not consider that he was treating the Colony

&c, he says, I dont care a damn for the Province
 of N Hampshire, nor for the Congress, there is a
 Pack of Dam'd Tories at the head of the Congress
 that the Congress had Imposed upon him, & his Regt.
 that he had been formerly in that Province Service
 & that it had taken him 6 m^o, to make up his Roll
 & get it read there, & thanked God that he had
 got out of their Service, & said that he never
 wou'd be in it again - & many other things &c
 which are too long to write - upon the whole I
 asked him liberty to go to the general, & it was some
 time before I could get leave to go, unless the men
 should conduct me there - but finally I obtained
 leave, & he ordered the men to go to their Barracks
 who obey'd him Immed^y - & he went with me
 & sundry other officers to Gen^l Sullivan, where
 I laid the matter before him - the Gen^l begd
 that the matter might be settled, & was very sorry
 for what had happened - promised me protection
 said that he would confine (old Stark & all his Regt.
 if a proper Compt. was exhibited - but begd that
 I would continue paying off the men - that the
 publick Cause wou'd much suffer if I returned
 to the States - upon this representation of the matter
 & promising that satisfaction should be made
 I concluded to leave - & about 12 o'clock at night I
 arriv'd to my Lodging - & upon my returne Mr
 Hall Inform'd me that there was no money
 on the Table when he went into the Counting
 Room - & upon the last Computation I had
 made there was about 260 on the Table when
 I left the room - the loss of the money together
 with the Treatment that I had met with prevented

~~last~~ last
my rest ~~that~~ night - I am very unfit for any
business this day - I know not what to do, I
am almost distracted - but the pressing necessity
that the men are in for their money, the injury that
the publick cause will suffer if they are kept out
of it, ~~are the only reasons~~ that appear so great, that I
I am saying to pay the men as fast as I can -
I have not, nor cannot represent to you, in a true
light the abuse that I have used, & the reflections cast upon
the colony - ^{gentleman} I thought it my duty to give you the
explicit Information of this matter - As I come here
to fulfill & execute your commands - I don't presume
to take any step or method for a redress of these
Grievances, until I am particularly Instructed by you
whose commands I shall always, with the utmost
readiness obey - Genl. I am in such a ~~confused~~ State
of mind - that I hope you will excuse & pardon
& pardon me in troubling you in this manner
& am Genl. your most obed^t & dut^y
Sam^l Roberts

To the Hon^d Congress for the colony of N^H