

State of New
Hampshire

To the Hon^{ble} the Committee of Safety of Said State

Humbly Sheweth Solomon Rider of the Port of
Argile in the Province of Nova Scotia Commander of
the Schooner Sea Flower,

That your Petitioner being strongly attached to the cause of the
United States of America is greatly Desirous of removing
himself, his Family & Effects from thence into some one of the
United States, but finds great Difficulty in so doing, for want
of Provisions & Necessaries for himself and his Dependants, by
reason of his being under the Necessity of furnishing Provisions
and Necessaries for many Prisoners and Refugees who have been
Drove on Shore by British Ships and have fled from the Enemy.

That your Petitioner has lately arrived in the Port of Piscataqua
with a small quantity of Salt in order to exchange for Bread Corn,
to effect his aforesaid Purpose, but finds he cannot exchange the
Same without a Permitt from your honors.

Wherefore he prays your Hon^{rs} to Grant him a Permitt to sell or
exchange his said Salt for Bread Corn and to carry the Same when
so Purchased or exchanged, without Molestation to the said Port of
Argile to relieve the Necessities of his Family and Dependants.

Your Petitioner also represents to your hon^{rs} the unhappy Case of
many poor Prisoners belonging to the United States, who are frequently
flying from the Enemy or Driven on Shore by their Ships of War, and
are frequently coming into said Port of Argile, (four of which your Petitioner
has now brought up with him to the Port of Piscataqua) whose Necessities
has nearly exhausted all the Provisions among the Inhabitants there,
which Prisoners & Refugees in time to come must necessarily commit them-
selves to the Enemies of the United States, or Perish for want of the Necessaries
of Life, which are not to be had there. Your Petitioner Therefore Humbly
Prays your hon^{rs} to Grant him a Permit to Purchase in this State such
Necessaries of Life and Transport them unmolested to the said Port of Argile,
to supply the Necessities of such poor Prisoners; And your Petitioner on their
behalf, as in Duty bound shall ever Pray &c.

Exceter July 17th 1778. —

Solomon Rider

State of New
Hampshire } In Committee of Safety July 18 1778

In consequence of the within Petition the said Solomon Rider is hereby Permitted to exchange his Salt or so much thereof as to purchase not exceeding one hundred bushels of bread Corn & such other necessaries in small quantities as he may stand in need ~~there~~ of them to transport to the Port of Argile as requested & for the purposes therein mentioned

State of New } In Committee of Safety at Exeter July 18th 1778
Hampshire } On reading and Considering the foregoing Petition of Solomon Rider praying for Liberty to carry Certain Necessaries of Life from this State to the Port of Argile, and for removing his family into some of the United States as set forth in said Petition — Resolved that the said Solomon Rider be permitted to Exchange Salt or so much thereof as shall be Necessary for purchasing not Exceeding One hundred bushels of bread Corn, and other Necessaries, in small Quantities as he may stand in need of for the use of his family and transport the same to the said Port of Argile for the purpose mentioned in said Petition and to remove his family from that place to this State — And all Armed Vessels belonging to this State are hereby directed to suffer the said Solomon Rider to pass as aforesaid unmolested And it is hereby Recommended to all other Armed Vessels belonging to the United States or Either of them, to permit the said Solomon to pass as aforesaid without Molestation —

By order of the Committee

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Chairman

Solomon Riders

Petition.

July 17, 1778.