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To the Hon^{ble} Committee of Safety for the State
of New Hampshire now sitting at Exeter,

The Petitioner of Shiphaleet Ring late a Resident
at Sambro Harbour in the Government of Nova
Scotia but now in Portsmouth in the State aforesaid unto
this Hon^{ble} Committee humbly Shews —

That your Petitioner was born at Newington
and about three & thirty Years past he went to
Halifax with his Wife where they resided until the
bloody Massacre at Boston happened, after w^{ch}
they moved to Sambro Harbour a small fishing
Village where they have remained ever since ear-
nestly wishing to get clear of their Property &
return to their Native Country where they had an
only Daughter and several Brothers & other near
Relations, That yr Petitioner came from Sambro
in a small Boat of his own & there left her and
got on Board a Schooner bound to Marblehead, as Bel-
ieved, and was determined to apply for Leave to bring
his Wife to spend the residue of this short Life wth his
only Daughter in Portsmouth, yr Petitioner has been
remarkably kind to American Prisoners who have
deserted from Halifax and assisted them in their Escape
for which he has several Times been called before
the Gov^t and Council at Halifax and was upon very
ill Terms with them, He was taken on his Passage
to Marblehead by Cap^t Tibbitts in the Sloop Swallow
and has been here abt 14 days amongst his Friends
who have advised him to apply to this Hon^{ble} Com-
mittee for their leave to remain and to live
under the Protection of the good Laws of this
State

State and to may Your Honours Protection and
to bring his wife and what little Property he
has into some place of Safety within the United
States but particularly to this State wherein
they hope to spend the rest of their Lives promi-
sing to behave as peaceable Subjects of this State
and to take the Oaths of Allegiance thereto - Your
Petitioner stands ready to give Y^r Honours every
necessary Information and with Y^r Permission could
procure abundant Proof of his Friendship to men
in Salem, Newbury, Cape Ann, Ipswich and ~~Salem~~ ^{offshore},
who were unfortunately taken and ran away from
Halifax. He is humbly inform Y^r Honours, That his
poor Daughter has just heard of her Husbands Death
and if her poor aged Parents are not permitted
to remain with her and three small children, it will
prove almost too much for her in her present low
estate - Your Petitioner humbly submits his
Case to Y^r Hon^{rs} & as in Duty bound will ever pray

Portm^o Sept 19th 1787

- Elishalet King

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