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Sir

I called on ^{some of} the field officers of the 5th Reg^{mt} Last week for them to settle I. Reg^{mt}. They acquainted me that they had not Rec^d. their Commissions — Shall be glad their Commissions May be filled & send them by Col. Baldwin to me In order that they may have them — The sooner the Reg^{mt} is settled the better it will be, for the American Cause — I Expect that about twenty men of the Recruits of the middle District will march this Week, of Late they raise them Very slow — Owing I believe to too many Disaffected people amongst us — which are trying their possibles to Ruin Every persons Character that is a friend to America & to heave a stumbling block in Every place where they think it will ~~be productive~~ be productive to hinder the common Cause I am firmly Determined to try the Strength of The Treason Act — if that wont answer a Salutary purpose — if I should happen to try Some other means I hope I shall be pardoned.

I beg to mention the Case of one Samuel Jones (a Constable of the Town of Hillborough the Last year) Now in Amherst goal, by an Extent from the State Treas^r his Case is really Deploable; nothing to help Himself with, a Large family of helpless Children Which I suppose must Suffer if he continues in goal

Not any Real Estate his conduct heretofore I
suppose has not been so good as could be wished
& his Estate is all gone as far as I can learn,
except some State Notes which is Due from the
State - & is out which I recommend to the Hon.^{ble}
Committee of Safety to give orders to Receive in
Lieu of the Last years Tax - which in a friendly
Way I think the State had better take than Lose
the whole - I believe it will be in my power
In a short time to procure them if the Treas.^r will
Take them - I really think that, these Notes is now
Better than the old Square Dollar bill, which is now
In such fluctuation - but I wish not to Dictate
if they can be taken for the tax I wish to have a
Return by Col.^l Baldwin - & be in motion to get
hold of them Notes if possible - ~~for it is~~
~~that I~~ for the State - please to send me by Col.^l
Baldwin 5 or 6 Dozen of Blank militia Commissions
S^r I have been obliged to expend upwards of two Quire
of paper in the mustering & Commissions way, & now
paper is so scarce it is Difficult to get it - if you
have any that you could spare shall ^{be glad if} you send
me 2 or 3 Quire which will save my charging
the State with what I have expended - I cant
procure it under 80 Doll.^{rs} a Quire S^r I take
Liberty With pleasure to subscribe myself
your Very humble serv^t.
Nehemiah Nichols

Superscribed

"The Hon^{ble} M^r Ware, President of New Hampshire"