

Sir

Bolton July 2nd 1779 146 100

I beg leave to introduce to the Hon^{ble} Committee
of Safety the Brave Joseph Peewy Esq^r who is just arrived
from the Northern Frontier of this State with the disagreeable
account that a party of Indians with one Frenchman
appeared last week in that quarter, Captured several of the
Inhabitants & robbed two Families, I have no doubt but
it will appear to your Hon^{ble} Board, that the Arms & Ammu-
-nition and also a party of Men to be employed as Scouts
or guards which Mr. Peewy waits on you to solicit are
absolutely necessary, not only for the immediate protection of the
poor Inhabitants of those Towns, but also to prevent the lower
Towns from being thrown into confusion by constant alarms;
If the Inhabitants of the Frontier Towns are suffered to remove
in, the next will follow their example, & no one can
tell where it will stop or which Town will be the Frontier
one (inhabited) a month hence — The Inhabitants of
Stratford, Northumberland & Lancaster have scarcely recovered
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from the distress'd circumstances to which they were reduced
by the alarms there in 1776 & 77 - & should they now be obliged
to desert their Crops, they would suffer the greatest distress -
become burthensome to their Neighbours or the State, besides under-
going the miseries of dependance. — Being sensible
of the great Burthens on the public, the great call from the army
for men - & the difficulty of procuring them - It is with regret
that I am constrained to join in Solicitations which will
add to those difficulties, — but having been witness to the distressing
effects of these alarms when the danger was but imaginary, —
Now that it is real, I am so forcibly convinced of the necessity
of yielding the Succours which Mr. Purdy waits on you to request
that I am compelled by my regard for the public good as well
as my feelings for the unhappy Situation of the Inhabitants of
the Frontier Towns to join with him in praying that the Hon.
Committee will grant his request. —

I have the Honor to be with great respect

Sir

Your Obed.^t & most Affec^t Serv^t

J. Whipple

Hon. Chairman of the Committee Safety

The two Families that were left by the Indians are left
destitute of every kind of Bedding or Cloathing, nor are
any of their Neighbours in Circumstances to relieve them.

Letter from Jo Whipple
Rep. rep^y to Indians Captⁿ -
residing Coos People 1779
July 2

Letter from Mrs. Whipple Esq
respecting Indians captivated
Coos people. July 2, 1779.

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The Hon.
The Chairman of the Committee
of Safety
of the State of New Hampshire
David D. G. } at
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