

State of 9
 New Hampshire) To the Honorable the Committee of Safety
 at Exeter in said State

Gentlemen

in ~~obedience~~ to your orders I have made Return of the
 Soldiers raised in my Regiment for the present year
 Together with those raised the last year for the Continen-
 tal Service we raised the most of our Continental men the
 Last year but our militia being so much Harried with
 the Enemy that it was with the greatest Difficulty that I
 could get proper Returns - but always Endeavored to do
 my duty in filing the men forward when Called for -
 Gentlemen you will please to observe that all the men that
 are returned Enlisted for three years or during the war
 Except such as are Called nine months men and those
 that Enlisted for the Two Last years the last mentioned
 would have been sent forward much sooner had not our muster
 master been of opinion that he had no right to muster them
 they refusing to go to Exeter before they rec^d. there hie money
 and after making Trial for a muster master and not succeeding
 as I mentioned to the Hon^{ble}. Col^o. Weare in my Letter -
 we after ward Concluded to pay there hie and run the venture
 of there being mustered rather than to loose them - we have
 also provided with Sargent Boynton of Capt. Cloyce's Company
 being a man that we expect will fill one of the vacancies in
 that Company - to go to Exeter for our Soldiers encouragement
 Gentlemen I would be leave to mention that the first Returns
 I Received last year included many Soldiers that was hired into
 the Bay State but sending repeated orders for some better Returns
 the most of them filled up there Quota Except such as had men Enlist^d.
 into there Service without hie before it was known that each State
 should provide there own men which I submit to your Honors wisdom
 and am Gentlemen your Honors most obedient Humble Serv^t.

Enoch Hale

Letter of Col. Loring Hale.
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The Hon^{ble} Committee of Safety

at Boston

Newtown

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