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Gentlemen

I have paid to all the soldiers that I have been able to find, belonging to the N. Hampshire line, Indicted during war, 15 Dollars each, as a gratuity. but they are so scattered; have not been able to see all, by about 160 or 70 whom I shall pay an equal sum as soon as I can see them. No State have, or will, give any money to their Soldiers, (Massachusetts who have given nine Hard Dollars & promised 15 more which is not come, nor I don't think will soon, excepted) but have paid them small sums on account, which appears to give the greatest satisfaction to their Troops. — I have told our soldiers in general, that I had more money for them, which I expected would be paid them before long on account, a method which gives them in general, as much satisfaction as any. — The State will please to give me such directions, respecting the money remaining on hand, as to them shall seem meet.

I am Gent.^l Y.^r Most obed.^t Humble Ser^t

Jedidiah Jewett

To the Hon.^{ble} the Committee of Safety

New Hampshire

P.S. the sum that will remain on hand will be about fifteen or sixteen Thousand dollars

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