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Whereas the exportation of provisions from these States hath occasioned much difficulty in procuring supplies for our Armies; and, by the capture of vessels concerned in such exportation, the Armies of the enemy have been freed from distresses, that would have greatly embarrassed their operations; And whereas for the easy supply of our Armies, & to embarrass & distress the enemy the ensuing campaign, it is absolutely necessary an embargo should be immediately laid, to prohibit such exportation; and as, from the distance of the States from Congress, & the different periods of assembling their legislatures, the good end of such embargo would be wholly frustrated, should Congress not proceed to impose the embargo; therefore Resolved, That an embargo be, & it hereby is laid, to prohibit the exportation of wheat, flour, rye, indian corn, rice, bread, beef, pork, bacon, live stock and other provisions from any of these United States from and after the 10th day of June instant, until the fifteenth day of November next, unless sooner revoked by Congress. Provided that this embargo shall not be construed to prevent the taking on board such provision as may shall be necessary for the stores only of any ships or vessels of war or others trading to and from these States. Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to the respective States to take the most effectual measures for carrying the foregoing resolution into immediate execution.

Extract from the minutes.

Cha^s Thomson jun^r

New Hampshire

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John Hancock