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Last Wednesday I hired a man to enlist into the Continental
Service & gave him a shilling he was Mustered Recd. his Continental
and State bounty & Traveling money amounting in the whole
to £120.16.82 I gave a line to you to furnish & order him & another
& marched them to Exeter this Bragdon deserted before he got two
miles the next day I followed after him with all force by advertising
and all other ways. I got him last Saturday night and kept him
in Custody till last night then committed him to prison I found
by Enquiry that he had enlisted in the Bay Service I wrote him
yesterday I went to Norwich & sent to York for his Capt. who came
to Dover this day for him but would not pay any thing though
he had advertised him as a deserter no other way than to give a
certificate that he had had him I thought not proper to let him
go without an order from you. I wait for orders how to dispose
of him I got from him £105.17.8. in Cash & a pair of Silver knee
buckles that he gave a dollar for a black silk handkerchief he gave 4 for out
of the money Recd. I have got orders for five pounds more being Cotton
he bot. & left which I shall try to get I sp. his partner his Travel
money that this fellow had in his hand out of the £105.17.8.
and have p. 8. light pounds, thirteen shillings for taking him & for
guards & his & their Exp. till I committed him so that taking
the Cost & my Trouble till committed takes out so as to leave
all the Continental and State bounty except twenty one
shilling & four pence if I can get the Cotton I can save
six pounds one shilling & four pence ^{out of the Continental & State bounty} - you. Give Col. Baker
Directions who will give you his Character

To the Hon. Committee
of Safety for this State
at Exeter

Your Humble

John B. Hanson

90 Burnham Handers

Letter

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