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Hon. Sir Since my arrival at this Place I find the  
People under the strongest apprehensions of being  
Captivated & their Substance Plundered or Destroyed —  
Ditchard with his Delectable gang has very lately  
Captured one M<sup>r</sup> Cross belonging on the West Side Connecticut  
River and six Days since Captivated Jo<sup>h</sup> Whipple Esq<sup>r</sup>  
at Dartmouth on the East Side & Plundered him of considerable  
Property Lucky for him he found means to make his Escape  
but was not holed but set at Liberty whether the different  
Sides of the River makes odds in their Conduct I cant determine  
I beg Leave to suggest that unless Soldiers are sent here for  
our Protection the Inhabitants can not continue in their Settlements  
I have wrote Col<sup>o</sup> Charles Johnston on the Subject for him to  
forward ~~the~~ a part of those Soldiers destined to his Charge  
to be sent to this Place but whether he has had the Intelligence  
or the men raised remains an uncertainty if the men should be  
sent the bread must be transported from Lower Coos as I never saw  
it so scarce here & but faint Prospects of much raised this season  
the worms have mad such Destruction on the Grass as well as Corn  
that I think beef may be obtained I wish for the Result  
of the Com<sup>tee</sup> of Safety on the matter —  
I am with Due Respect & Esteem your Honor<sup>s</sup> most obedient  
and very Humble Servant  
Jer<sup>h</sup> James  
To Hon<sup>le</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Wear

From Capt James of  
the 19<sup>th</sup> July 1781  
Respecting difficulties  
in the Frontiers —  
Recd 9<sup>th</sup> August

To Honourable

Mr Nathl Wears

President

New Hampshire

Letter from Capt. James  
July 19, 1781.