

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Council and House of Representatives  
of the State of New Hampshire in General Court Conveind or  
in their Rec<sup>rs</sup> to the Committee of Safety of said State. Gent<sup>rs</sup>  
We the Subscribers Select Men of Thornton in said State hereby  
beg leave to Inform your Hon<sup>rs</sup> That we were lately called upon  
by Cap<sup>t</sup> Edmond Eliot of the Militia of said Thornton Informing  
of us that he had Rec<sup>d</sup> Orders from Col<sup>l</sup> David Hobart to raise One  
Man and One fourth of a man as the proportion of the Town of  
Thornton to make up the Continental Army, upon which, said  
Cap<sup>t</sup> Eliot Interted Two Men belonging to said Thornton Namely  
George Patterson and Alexander Patterson, which we the said Select  
Men agreed with in behalf of said Thornton to go for Thornton by  
giving them Thirty Pounds in Cash & engaging to Clear for them the  
said Pattersons Two Aers & Three Quarters of an Aere of Land  
over and above the Continental and State Bounties, which hire  
we settled with them and besides paid them part of the Continental  
and State Bounties, and stand ready to pay them the whole of said  
Bounties any Time when they pleased to take the same; — But since  
our said agreement with said George & Alexander Pattersons we understand  
they have been to Exeter and engaged to go for Exeter or some other  
Town thereabouts notwithstanding their said agreement with us, and  
that said Town of Exeter or what other Town they may have engaged  
for think to hold them by virtue of their Advancing said Bounties  
which we look upon they have no right to, or by ~~by~~ virtue of any Order  
from Authority, not any Town but Thornton only, for we humbly conceive  
that Cap<sup>t</sup> Eliot Interting said men and we hiring them and paying  
them their hire and paying them part of their Continental &  
State Bounties and stand ready <sup>to pay</sup> them the Remainder of said  
Bounties any time when they would be pleased to take same <sup>which we think</sup> fully  
Interted said Thornton to said men to all Intents and purposes —

We would further humbly add That if we must be at the Trouble  
to raise men when we are called upon, and after having Interted  
them hired and paid or settled with them the hire & paid part of the  
said Bounties & stand ready to advance the Remainder, if after all this  
pains Cost & Trouble when the men are Marched to Exeter they can be

taken away from us by a parcel or pack of Men Men ~~for~~  
Jobbers for other Towns because they will advance a Second State  
and Continental bounties to them, and that also be allowed by Authority  
is the greatest Discouragement that can be thrown in the way of  
raising men, especially in such a Small Town as Thornton  
and considering also its Distance in Country & a frontier Town  
on Pennequisette River, which will to ever discourage them from  
complying or ever trying to comply with any Requisition for men  
hereafter, To prevent which we pray your Honours to take  
this affair into your wise Consideration and Interpose therein so as that  
said George & Alexander Patterson may go for said Town of Thornton  
and no other Town whatever by Value of any Agreement advancing of  
Bounties or any other way - Or otherwise never call upon the Town  
of Thornton in no way either for men Money or otherwise hereafter  
to fill up said Delinquency in said proportion

Thornton June 30<sup>th</sup> 1779

John Brown  
Moses Fells