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Dear Sir

Notwithstanding my letter to you recently
treated with silent contempt, yet when any thing inter-
venes wherein I think my country or the state of New York
emphatic in a particular manner, deeply interested
I conceive it my duty, apart from common politeness
to inform you of it: such I deem the late notori-
ous conduct of Vermont, in extending their pretended claim
to the westward and threatening to support it by a mil-
itary force, and indeed those within the twenty mile
line are actually in arms, in open defiance and vio-
lation of the rules of Congress, and are now actually
opposing themselves to the troops raised by the State
of New York, to put their constitutional laws in execu-
tion. Two detachments, one acting under the auth-
ority of Vermont, and the other under officers owing alle-
giance to the State of N. York, are now assembled at St.
Cous in opposition. For further particulars I refer
you to Captain Fogg, who will have the
honor of delivering this.

I have been favoured with a perusal of the
proceedings of the Legislature of the Vermont State upon
the subject of their being received into the union of the
United States, and find, that they have not only rig-

ected the resolutions of Congress, but in reality have de-
stroyed their authority. - And I further perceive, that they in
their great wisdom have thought proper to appoint a com-
mittee to determine whether New Hampshire shall exercise
jurisdiction to Connecticut river, or not. This procedure
appears too weak. - For men of sense to suppose that
New Hampshire would ever consent to an indignity so
flagrant, or an abuse so pointed as this seems to be, is
what I own very much surprises me, - however, I
hope, and indeed have no doubt but that New Hampshire
will be more politic than to take notice of this daring
insolence, - what I mean by notice, is, to think of trou-
bling with them upon this, or ^{indeed} any other subject, until
Congress shall come to a final determination with
respect to their people.

I am Sir your most obedient
Obedt. Servant

Wm. Stark

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