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Dr

I have the Honour to inclose a Resolution of Congress respecting the Exchange of Capt Green, also a Report of the Committee to whom was referred Your Letter respecting the loss sustained by Sam: Davis. The poor mans misfortune is to be lamented, but it is necessary that matters of this kind should be settled on general Principles.

I should be happy to have it in my power to transmit you the determinations of Congress on the Petition of the Officers; a report of the Board of War on that subject has been some time on the Table but when it will be decided on, is impossible for me to say, in the mean time there appears the greatest necessity to recruit & enable the Army to act with Vigour, & I doubt not New Hampshire (who has never been behind any of her Sister States in vigorous exertions) will adopt proper measures for that purpose, for notwithstanding the Dole Rumours about peace I am confident it will be necessary to prosecute the War with the utmost Vigour; The last accounts from our Commissioners in France justify this Opinion. — By the last advice from the Southward our affairs in that quarter wears a favorable aspect, & if our Army was in force to make a general attack on New York, there would be the most flattering prospect of putting a speedy end to this destructive War. It is true that we have very great difficulties to encounter but I doubt not the smiles of Heaven on our exertions, will enable us to

surmount them.

Congress has recommended a fast on the first
Thursday in May, I have just sent to the printers
for a Proclamation which I shall enclose if to be
obtained - In the mean time I have the Honour
to be with every sentiment of Esteem & Respect

Sr Your most Obedient
& very Humble Servant

W^m Whipple

Honble Mess^{rs} Weare Esq

Letter from Genl W^m
& Resolue of Cong^{ress}
23 March 1779