

Portsmouth Aug. 8. 1782 ³⁸

Sir The men enlisted by this Town last September to serve three months in the Army, Agreed with Mr Nathl. Tolson & myself for Twenty Dollars per month Wages as a consideration of their faithful discharge of duty, and whatever pay &c. the State allowed was for this Town's benefit; That at the time of their enlisting we endeavored to hire them on lower terms and they to receive the pay the State allowed, but each of them absolutely refused, having any thing to do with the State on this score, that they should expect the twenty doll. per month from the Town & no more for their services. - This Sir is the true state of facts, and if these men receive the amt. of Wages as of the Roll made out, this Town must suffer the loss which it is not supposed will be admitted of. - Therefore in behalf of the Town we hope the Hon^{ble} Committee of Safety will forbid pay to those men that were returned for Portsmouth.

Remain^g respectfully

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Col^d Wintworth Aug 1782
due to Wages of Soldiers

