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I am very sensible of the Difficulties I
laboured under in my last visit to New Hampshire,
such as Addressing a Court tired with a long Session,
& impatient to rise, the engaging in a Dispute with
three or four Gentlemen at a time, every one my
Superior in Address & Understanding, & just as I
had ^{come} off a Journey of two days, before I had recovered
the Fatigue of ~~body~~ ^{body} which necessarily clouds the
mind. ~~consequently~~ but in Justice to my Constituents, to
yourself, to myself, & in Honour to God, I beg leave
to resume the Arguments which at that time
you did not seem inclined fully to consider, & here
to pass by what was said by others, I keep to confine
myself to what your Honour seemed with good
reason most to rely on, viz. "that your raising &
Subscribing to the place of rendezvous, & paying
during the Expedition so many, was your full share
with the Mass: to the charge of the Defence of the Colo-
verments & the Mass. has since your agreeing to that
proportion ~~for~~ made an addition to them, yet the
above is your proportion" - This I take to be the
Substance & spirit of your Argument, & tho' your
Court rose without fully ^{for} I think considering
it, yet I can't but hope that at your next
Session you will on your own motion, so far
reconsider, as to make some addition, at least
so far as to be your just proportion with us
in order to keep up the Character you assume
of being desirous & willing to do as much in
proportion to your Strength as any one Govern-
ment on the Continent - in order to know how to
do this, you will please to allow me, that your
proportion of Power & of what has been at this
time done & is doing is necessarily to be adjusted:
as to the former, I think it an allowed Case
that

that your proportion to Massa. is as 1 to 6.
I shall not consider any other Government
since Col. Gildman admitted that you were wil-
ling to do as much as we - & as to the latter,
what we did last year on Kennebeck must
come into the Acc^t. as well as what you did on
your Frontier, since then began our defence
against our Enemies, & what we spent of
our Strengths they must abate so much of
what we had - for tho' the natural pro-
portion between Massa. & N. Haverk. be 68,
yet if the latter sit still while the former
have exhausted $\frac{1}{6}$ of their Strength, the
proportion can't continue the same, but must
then be in a new effort where both join,
but as ~~five~~ ^{one} to one. In order to set the
computation in as clear a light as possi-
ble I have in the inclosed reduced it to
a plain Account, & tho' I am not able to
say what your Expenses is about your Forts
& your posts on the Frontier, yet you will
please to add that, & then I shall rely
on your Honour that at next Session you
will make such addition as will make y^r.
Acc^t. equal to $\frac{1}{6}$ of ours -

I hope what I said in the beginning
of my Letter will be accepted as a sufficient
Apology for the trouble I hereto give y^r.
Honour; for whom I have the greatest
esteem, & am

Y^r. most obed.^t

Humble Servant

Rob: Hale

Col. Weare