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Likewise we make an objection against a Requisition being made from each State for its Quota of men in Proportion to the Number of white inhabitants. For thereby the Southern States that are Rich and Consists of so Large a Number of Blacks would be greatly Eased and the Northern States Burthened

and in Respect of taking up or Lay a new Plan or form of Government we Submit it to the Wisdom of the Honorable Court when assembled ^{to act} as they shall think the Times and Circumstances of things do Require

and that our Representative be instructed to move in Court for a Vote for the above Particulars

Benjamin Barker } Chair Man

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Feb. 4, 1778.

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