



My dear Sir

Springfield Octob. 17 1776

I arrivd here the last Evening I am now detained by heavy Rain – I have to recommend to your Patronage two persons agreeable to a promise I made them before I left Boston – The one is Cole Nath^l Barber, a Friend of mine & his Country – I believe you know him – he was a Member of the old Committee of Correspon- dence of the Town of Boston – He was appointed by the two Houses ^{to} give Permitts to [?] failing our [?] the port of Boston & has a will petition the & [?] to be confirmed – I wish you would make him the principal officer, not because he is my Friend but because I think he merit it – he has a Family of twelve Children & has been a great sufferer Major Hawley knows him, to whom I shall be obligd to you if you will mention his case –

The other is Mr Andrew Merchant Son of mine & his Countrys, Friend Joshua Merchant Esq – If you can bear him in Mind when any thing offers in which he may be useful to the publick I shall take it as an act of Friendship done to myself – I beg you to except my giving you this and believe me to be your affectionate Friend

Sam^l Adams

Hon James Warren