

This Excellency And Honourable Council of the
Common Welth of Massachusetts

The Memorial and Petition of the under Writ
Humbly Sheweth

That before and at the time of the Expedition
against Penobscot your Memorialist live^d there and
Was possest of three Commodious Dwelling Houses
Barns farming Utentials and considerable Stock in
cattel Sheep &c. But when that part of the State
fell under the British power (refusing to Take
Arms against our own Country) the enemy began
to Pilage take away our cattle and other Necessaries
and So Distressed us that we were forced to fly and
have sence that time resided In Salem. After our escape
We understand that by Leave and encouragement of the
British Commander the Tories in those parts have taken
away our hard eairn^d houses & Removed them to Baga-
duce. So that we are Deprived even of a Shelter. And
Striped of all the means of Subsistance for Our Selves
And Distress^d families. Our Loss Amounting (Jointly)
As Near as we can compute to about £1400

Therefore your petitioners Humble pray your
Hon^{rs} To Compassionate our Distresses and grant us Leave
and Order to take into our Possessions and to our proper
Use our own Buildings & Utentials that are Removed
Or any other ~~utentials~~ which may be found that are Not
the Property of the Inhabitant. In Order to make up
Our Loss in Some mesure & enable us to Subsist our
Impoverish^d families.

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To his Excelency And Honourable Counsel of the
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Description: Plea from Royalist inhabitants near the fighting during the Penob-
scot Expedition, requesting relief.

Or point out Some Other Way for our Relief
Wich Your ^{Excelncy} Hon^{rs} in your Wisdim Shall See
Meat _____ And your Petitioners In Duty bound
Shall ever pray _____

Salem Oct^r 18th 1783

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The Clerk of
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