

Philadelphia, August 20<sup>th</sup> 1781. —

Sir

The importance of preserving the history of the present revolution, and transmitting authentic Records to posterity is evident; and ought doubtless to be attended to, while we have the means of doing it in our power. sensible of this, the Assembly of this State have lately ordered that all the Proceedings of the public Bodies (Committees and Conventions) from the commencement of the present contest, untill the Organization of Government amongst us be collected and published; whereby, the different Steps taken to secure our Liberty, and establish our Independence will be clearly seen, and the chain of our history completed. It was with difficulty some of the Minutes of Committees could be collected. Notwithstanding their Transactions were of so recent a date, which I apprehend evinces the necessity of attending to this matter immediately, as the loss of any such papers must occasion a Chasm in the history.

His Excellency Meshech Weare Esquire President of the State of New Hampshire.



I beg leave therefore to suggest to your Excellency the propriety of each Legislature in the Union adopting Measures similar to those taken by this State for the above purpose; and should you Excellency view the matter in the same light that I do, I have no doubt of its being communicated, and warmly recommended to the House of Representatives of your State. —

I have the honor to be  
Your Excellency's  
Most Obedient and  
Very Humble Servant

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