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The several volumes of Militia, Third Series, have been arranged in eighteen volumes: I: Public Acts, 1741-1815; II: Public Acts, 1816-1820; Miscellaneous, i.e. Adjutant- and Quartermaster-generals' departments, courts-martial, petitions for pensions and other private claims and petitions; III-XVIII: Officers and formation of regiments, 1728-1820. The tables of contents not only furnish a convenient calendar of the legislation on militia for the period covered, but give a digest of the subject matter.

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Abbreviations.

(A)	autograph
adj.	adjutant
adj-gen.	adjutant-general
ass't	assistant
brig.	brigade
brig-gen.	brigadier-general
brig-inspector	brigade-inspector
brig-major	brigade-major
capt.	captain
co.	company
col.	colonel
col-comdt.	colonel-commandant
com.	committee
comdt.	commandant
com'y	commissary
com'y-gen.	commissary-general
con.	continued
corp.	corporal
dept.	department
ens.	ensign
gen.	general
gov.	governor
gr.	granted
jr.	junior
£	Pound (English money)
lieut.	lieutenant
lieut-col.	lieutenant-colonel
lieut-col-comdt.	lieutenant-colonel-commandant
lieut-gen.	lieutenant-general
maj.	major
maj-comdt.	major-commandant
maj-gen.	major-general
neg.	negated
p.m.	paymaster
priv.	private
q.m.	quartermaster
q.m-gen.	quartermaster-general
reg't	regiment
sec'y	secretary
sergt.	sergeant
sess.	session
surg.	surgeon
treas.	treasurer

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Sir  
Lieut. Hanson Barber of your Company of your Majesty's 91<sup>st</sup>  
having made application to me to be promoted from his office of  
Lieut for reasons which I judge sufficient

They are therefore to direct you to give legal warning  
to all persons bearing within the limits of your Company who are  
qualified to vote in the choice of Military Officers to meet w<sup>ch</sup> such  
persons and place as you shall appoint and when meet lead them  
to the choice of a Lieut and such other officers as shall become  
necessary to officers of your Company and make returns accordingly to  
me and when another Lieut is appointed in your place  
the place of Lieutenant Barber he is hereby discharged from  
his office

Dated at Littlefield 25<sup>th</sup> day of September 1788

of Samuel Baldwin Esq  
Captain of 91<sup>st</sup> Company  
in the Regiment of Artillery

St Swift Brig Genl

To the Honourable General Assembly now  
convened at New Haven Agreeable to the  
above Directions of Brigadier General St Swift  
I have given legal warning to all Persons  
within the limits of my Company to attend to  
the choice of Military Officers on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of Oct  
1788 which was accordingly done agreeable to Law  
the choice made of Captains Daniel S. Wilton as  
Lieutenant in place of the above Lt Hanson Barber  
Major of Regt Francis Gould as Captains in place  
of the above Daniel S. Wilton I wish your Honour  
to be informed that the above  
Hoswinton 17<sup>th</sup> Oct 1788

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In the House June 11 1829

The return of the choice of Daniel  
S. Wilson as Lieutenant is approved  
His Excellency the Governor is desired to  
rejoice him accordingly

Test James Downey  
Speaker in the upper House  
Jas. George Wyllie, Secy



To Saml. W. B. Esq. Commandant of the 8<sup>th</sup> 1792  
 Company in the 1<sup>st</sup> Regt. 8<sup>th</sup> Brigade of Militia  
 Your Company being the title of an Ensign  
 You are hereby directed, after legally warning  
 all persons within the limits of your Company  
 legally qualified to vote for Commissioned Officers  
 to meet at such time & place as you shall  
 judge proper, to lead them to a choice of an Ensign  
 & make up return according to Law -

Lithfield 31<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1788. - J. Ord. of Militia  
 Brig. Genl. 6<sup>th</sup> Brigade of  
 Militia -

Wm. Frang. Maj. of Brigade

To the Honourable General assembly sitting at Newhaven  
 by adjournment on the first of Jan<sup>y</sup> next in compliance  
 With the above orders orders I gave legal warning to all legal  
 Voters in the limits of my Company to attend to the choice of an Ensign  
 which was done on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of instant December on the usual place  
 of Parade & choice was made of Serjt. Joseph Scovill to be Ensign  
 I wish your Honours to commissionate him accordingly

Wm. Frang. Maj. of Brigade  
 31<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1788

926 In the Lower House of Assembly on the 14th of September 1792  
Mr. Adams, Mr. Smith, Mr. David Smith & Capt. Lane  
are appointed a committee to hear & enquire  
into the legality of the (issue of the written warrant  
against Rebel to be enforced & report  
with their opinion thereon to the Assembly

Thos James Davenport Clerk

James Adams  
David Smith  
Capt Lane

The subscribers by leave to your wisdoms present  
 the name of an Ensign in the 8<sup>th</sup> Company of the  
 1<sup>st</sup> Regt of Militia which was returned  
 to this Hon<sup>ble</sup> Assembly for the purpose of obtain-  
 ing a Commission — The Remonstrants beg  
 leave to state that Capt. Andrew Warner his Company  
 pursuant to Order made from your Wisdoms  
 of the 1<sup>st</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup> an Ensign of that Company or rather those  
 within the limits qualified to vote for Commission Officers  
 met together on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1788 & the votes were  
 taken & on counting them Joseph Scovill was chosen  
 by a Majority of one vote only & was accordingly  
 declared & is now returned for a Commission — That  
 the Remonstrants say that Stephen Barber Augustus  
 Linnis Bethel Willoughby Nathl Barber Judah Barber  
 & Amos Skinner & Abner Barber voted & their votes  
 were counted & helped to make up a choice as they  
 all voted for J. Scovill & whether of them belonged  
 to the 8<sup>th</sup> Company or lived within the limits of the  
 same & had no legal right to vote for Commission  
 Officers in the 8<sup>th</sup> Company which they are able to show  
 by most indisputable testimony and as J. Scovill  
 was obtained by one vote only they say a choice  
 was clearly illegal & they pray that your wisdoms will  
 not be Commissioned & that the 8<sup>th</sup> Company may be led  
 to another choice of an Ensign — and as it is duty  
 bound the Remonstrants shall ever pray dated  
 at Harwinton this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1788 —  
 All the subscribers live within the limits of the  
 8<sup>th</sup> Company & have legal right to vote for Commission  
 Officers in the same in

Nathan Davis

Daniel Battershall

Minn Kellog

Jacob Tyler

Yathu masth

Yuthu masth

Nathan Davis jun

Rowel Cook

Thomas Cook

Martin Cook

Daniel Cook

Oliver Cook

Samuel Coallin

Ira Johnson

Job Cook

Hesekeial Gattlin

Sam Phelps

Joseph Huntington

Isaac Cotton

Jesse Woodruff jun

Mo Shennet

Morrison Mear-MeLan

Edward Barthelemond

Isaac Barbur

Abel Potter



93d

*Convent Farm*  
*1871*

the testimony of Jacob Bartholomew of Haverinton  
in Litchfield County, is as followeth that I allow lived  
when in Haverinton in the hands of Capt Samuel W. Baldwin  
Company untill about one month before the muster in 30<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>  
Baldwin Company for changing on Gage, & opposed to 3<sup>d</sup> Capt  
Baldwin my vote for on Gage, when I the 3<sup>d</sup> Capt Baldwin took my  
3<sup>d</sup> vote to give, & threw it on the ground I had about one month  
before 3<sup>d</sup> muster a little before 3<sup>d</sup> muster over the line  
into Capt Hopkins Company I was at their muster on the first  
Monday of October 1788 & the 3<sup>d</sup> Capt Baldwin allowed me to vote  
for on Gage I was ~~at~~ to the last muster by the 3<sup>d</sup> Capt  
Baldwin & further the Depoant with not Haverinton the  
30<sup>th</sup> Day of December 1788 <sup>and appears very angry</sup> & made follow with to the above  
Deposition the above person being present or one George Catten Justice

the testimony of Joseph Walsted of Haverinton in Litchfield County  
of Lawfull age is as followeth that on the first Day of December 1788  
I was in Company with Joseph Scovel of Haverinton & the 3<sup>d</sup> Scovel offered  
me who my Brother Timothy Walsted voted for on Gage on the first  
Monday of October & I told him he voted for Sergeant Benjamin Gifford  
the 3<sup>d</sup> Scovel asked me if I could not prevail on my Brother to vote  
for him the 3<sup>d</sup> Scovel the next time I told 3<sup>d</sup> Scovel I did not think  
I could but I said nothing to my Brother about 3<sup>d</sup> matter & further the  
Depoant with not Haverinton December 30 1788 personally appeared  
the above named Joseph Walsted & made follow with to the above  
Deposition the above person being present or one George Catten Justice

the testimony of David King of Haverinton in Litchfield County  
of Lawfull age is as followeth that on the first Monday of October  
I was in Company with Stephen Barber & he told me he was going to  
Haverinton to training & he intended to vote for Sergeant Scovel for on  
Gage & in the 3<sup>d</sup> Barber told me that he had in times past put in  
three votes at one time for Lt. Hovilah Thompson for a Capt when  
Capt Baldwin was chosen I was present at their muster on the 30<sup>th</sup>  
Day of December 1788 that Jonathan Catten living in the line of  
3<sup>d</sup> Capt Baldwin's Company & had been formerly a trooper offered to the 3<sup>d</sup>  
Capt Baldwin his vote for on Gage & the 3<sup>d</sup> Capt Baldwin took the  
vote out of the 3<sup>d</sup> Catten's hand, & threw it on the ground after the 3<sup>d</sup>  
Catten had followed after 3<sup>d</sup> Capt Baldwin about four paces the 3<sup>d</sup> Capt  
Baldwin told the 3<sup>d</sup> Catten he had no Right to vote the Barber never  
hinted to me that he would ever put in more than one vote I take it that  
Capt Baldwin was in something of a passion on 3<sup>d</sup> Day by Reason of by the Displea-  
sure of some of 3<sup>d</sup> Company in by their voting I take it that the 3<sup>d</sup> Capt  
Baldwin was Crown upon by Lt. Hovilah Thompson for Gage withon doing  
a further the Depoant with not Haverinton December 30 1788 personally  
appeared the above named King & made follow





956 they have not done any military duty in this town but what  
they have done in my Company until the 8 day of December  
1788 sergeant Abner Barber liveth in the limbeck of Capt  
Hopkins' Company on the East Part of Harrinton & that  
Judah Barber & Jre Skinner liveth south of the Division  
line & in my Company the 3 Barber & Skinner I have not  
in our musterroll & further the Deponent with not  
I appeared December 26 1788 personally appeared the above named  
Capt Ezekiel Seavel & made follow oath to the above deposition the  
adverse party being present as one George Catten Justice Peace

The testimony many of Amos Prosser of Harrinton in  
Litchfield County of Lawfull age is as followeth that Capt  
Samuel W. Baldwin wourd me to attend muster on the 8th  
day of December 1788 in order to Chuse an Insign in 3<sup>d</sup>  
Capt Baldwin's Company I have been <sup>by vote of 3<sup>d</sup> Company</sup> tolerated from military  
duty for about two years Last past being about 41 years of  
age & I did <sup>not</sup> attend so muster as Capt Baldwin told me that  
Capt Skinner <sup>told him</sup> that all that voted for Commission of Jus  
should not <sup>be</sup> come armies & what Capt Baldwin told me &  
I being greatfull to 3<sup>d</sup> Capt Baldwin & Company I <sup>in person</sup> & Baldwin  
did <sup>not</sup> can summate on my mind not to attend & further the  
Deponent sayeth not Harrinton in Litchfield County Decem  
ber 26 1788 personally appeared the above named Amos Pro  
sser & made oath to the above deposition the adverse  
party being present as one George Catten Justice Peace

The testimony of John Watkins of Harrinton in Litchfield  
County of Lawfull age is as followeth that the Division line  
is to begin <sup>ing</sup> at the south side of Mr. Appbil Skinner's <sup>house</sup> & to  
Run a strait line northwesterly to the East buttment of  
Thomas Phillips's Dam on Worcesterbury River 3<sup>d</sup> line is  
between Capt Baldwin's & Capt Seavel's Company I take  
it that Judah Barber & Jre Skinner liveth south of  
the above Described line I am certain as to Skinner I  
was present at the muster in Harrinton on the 8 day of Dec  
ber 1788 & was present at the counting of votes for an Insign  
in Capt Baldwin's Company & the first counting sergeant Benjamin  
Griford had a majority of one vote & after Enumerating 3<sup>d</sup> votes  
after counting 3<sup>d</sup> votes as they then stood the 3<sup>d</sup> sergeant Seavel  
had the majority of one vote & was declared Chosen Insign of 3<sup>d</sup>  
Company I was present at the muster on the first Monday of  
October 1788 & Capt Baldwin led his Company to the Chosen In  
sign & sergeant Joseph Seavel was Chosen Insign for 3<sup>d</sup> Company  
by a majority of three votes & there was sum <sup>of</sup> about the first

of S<sup>d</sup> Choye beauri that one Stephen Barber that was  
 S<sup>d</sup> to belong to Litchfield voted in S<sup>d</sup> Choye & that S<sup>d</sup> Barber  
 was not a lawful voter in S<sup>d</sup> Company & by the advice of  
 Gentlemen present Capt Baldwin led the Company to  
 a new Choye & they made Choye of sergeant Benjamin  
 Epiford for their ensign & declared <sup>them</sup> Choye & Ensign by a  
 majority of votes by S<sup>d</sup> Capt Baldwin & unden stood that  
 the Reason why Capt Baldwin was induced to lead the Company  
 to the last Choye was that Lt. Havelin Thomson & ~~some~~  
~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Company~~ declared that if S<sup>d</sup> Capt Baldwin should  
 Return to the General assembly they would send a remonstrance  
 against S<sup>d</sup> Choye as S<sup>d</sup> Kellogg declared that when he  
 came from home he would Rage a dust if things did not  
 go on to his mind. & understood there was a pike between S<sup>d</sup>  
 Kellogg & S<sup>d</sup> Scovil for two or three years last past & I  
 suppose that <sup>the</sup> whole difficulty arose on account of some ~~persons~~  
 persons not belonging to S<sup>d</sup> Company or to have arms on  
 common training days & further the Dependant say that

He was in Decem<sup>r</sup> for 26. 1788 personally appeared the above  
 named John Watkins & made follow oath to the above Description  
 the above party being present  
 per me George Cutler Justice peace

Deposition of  
of lawful age in as follows  
October 1788 I Was in Capt. A  
Company for Mr Joseph Shovel  
I have always done duty in Capt. Baldwin  
Company I suppose I was last a few months  
of the line between Capt. Baldwin Company  
& Capt. Shovel's Company

Judith Barber

Haverhill Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 1789

Personal Appearance Judith Barber of Haverhill  
I made oath to the above Deposition before me  
Daniel Callinger Justice of the Peace  
Mr Shovel Citd & present

Done in the Gen. Assembly  
Jan 7 1789

Of the Honourable  
General Assembly  
now sitting at  
St. John's

The deposition of Nathaniel Barber of Harwinton  
of Lawful age is as follows that on the 25th day of  
December 1788 I voted in Capt. Saml W. Babers  
Company for Mr. Joseph Shovel Surgeon

I have lived in the limits of Capt. Saml W. Babers  
Company for two years & six months & that for & returned  
to his own company on the Saturday after the first  
Monday of October 1788. I have been called in Capt.  
Babers Company once within the term of 10 years  
years before the 25th day of December 1788 & once in  
Capt. Haysons Company but never did duty in  
either excepting in Capt. Haysons on the first Monday  
of May 1786 according to the best of my remembrance  
I did not go to Capt. Babers Company for full or full day before the  
25th day of December by reason of my living in a distance to train  
in his Company rather than any other, the six months that  
I was absent I lived in York State Nath. Barber  
Harwinton Dec 22 1788

Personally appeared Nathaniel Barber of Harwinton to the  
above deposition before me Daniel Collins Justice of the Peace  
for the County of York



The Testimony of Lieut<sup>n</sup> Simon Barber & Lieut<sup>n</sup>  
 Daniel Willson of Harwinton in Litchfield County  
 of Lawfull age is as follows that on the first  
 Monday of Oct<sup>r</sup> 1788 Capt<sup>n</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> H. Baldwin had  
 possession of Orders Received from Brig<sup>ad</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>  
 Swift Called his Company to gather in Orders  
 to Choose a Lieut<sup>n</sup> and other officers. Leisoury &  
 accordingly Capt<sup>n</sup> Baldwin led his Company to the  
 Choice of Lieut<sup>n</sup> & Ensign Daniel Willson was chosen  
 by a Grate Majority on which D. Capt<sup>n</sup> led his Company  
 to the Choice of an Ensign & Serg<sup>t</sup> Joseph Schavel  
 was chosen by a majority of three votes & when Capt<sup>n</sup>  
 Baldwin went onto the parade to Declare D. Choice  
 there was a number that appeared to be Dissatisfied  
 with D. Choice & raised a grate tumult and Declare  
 that if Capt<sup>n</sup> Baldwin Declared D. Choice & made  
 Return to the Assembly that they would send a Petition  
 Remonstrance in against D. Choice. Eluding that  
 there was one Stephen Barber voted that they  
 said was an unlawful vote & they Lieut<sup>n</sup>  
 Haselah Thomas Ensign Oliver Phelps Amariah  
 Kellogg & Samuel Phelps great all of them  
 Householder that belonged in the Limonets of D.  
 Company made somuch noise & Difficulty that  
 Capt<sup>n</sup> Baldwin Did not propose to Declare D. Choice  
 and D. Capt<sup>n</sup> took the advice of sundry gentlemen  
 who advised him to lead his Company to another  
 Choice which he Did and on counting the votes  
 it appeared that Serg<sup>t</sup> Benjamin Griswold was  
 chosen by a majority of four votes & Capt<sup>n</sup> Baldwin  
 Declared D. Griswold to be chosen Ensign of D. Company  
 on which Lieut<sup>n</sup> Thomas said now he had paid on all  
 Debt Due to D. Serg<sup>t</sup> Schavel and after D. proposing  
 that was dissolved of the Company manifested among

I said that there was unfair Dealings in the matter  
& that Capt Baldwin ought to have declared  
the Choice of D. School & had no right to lead  
to another Choice in as much as D. School was  
Chapin and on the about week on Friday Capt  
Baldwin called his Company together on evening  
to Choose an Ensign and on the 13<sup>th</sup> of June going  
to gether there was some objections made to  
New Choice which Capt Baldwin declared that  
School to be Chapin Ensign of D. Company  
according to the first Choice. Capt Baldwin said  
that he was advised so to do to which we consented  
on which proceedings the before mentioned  
appeared to be much put out with Capt Baldwin  
and wished still for a new Choice to which Capt  
Baldwin consented and had requested for  
to give his orders which he did. Accordingly Capt  
Baldwin called his Company on the 20<sup>th</sup> Day  
June 1788 & after embodying D. Company & calling  
the militia Role proceeded to form the householders  
on to the Right of D. Company and then  
to take their votes for an Ensign & in taking  
D. votes those of the householders were kept  
separate from the votes of the train Band & when  
D. votes were taken Capt Baldwin called on the old  
Officers and some other gentlemen to Count D. votes  
& in separating the votes of the soldiers that  
were arms there appeared to be nearly or quite two  
thirds of their votes for Capt School. But when  
the householders votes was separated and the whole  
was counted it appeared that the D. Bay General  
Chapin by one vote but on the second counting it  
appeared there was a vote misplaced & placing their  
right it appeared that the D. Bay General  
Chapin by one vote & D. choice was Declared



99a  
I James that the before mentioned Thomas Phelps  
& Kellogg with some ~~others~~ more that they have  
since got to join them are determined to break up &  
with D Company by trying to <sup>set</sup> counter every officer  
in D Company except one <sup>sergeant</sup> corporal in their choice  
& by trying to ~~keep~~ turn out several good active soldiers  
that have ~~always~~ belonged to D Company ever since  
they belonged to any Company & by keeping others  
out & by keeping up a quarrel in D Company for  
no other apparent cause or reason than that  
some of them were not promoted when Capt  
Waldwin was Chase Capt <sup>that</sup> Stephen Barber  
dated & ~~it is~~ that Capt <sup>Waldwin</sup> has the carriage  
of a good Capt & Sergeant Joseph Schovel  
Captains a good Carriator & further the deponents with  
not

Harrison on January 5 1789 personally appeared  
the above deponents and made follow oath to the above  
deposition before me George Catten Justice peace  
all parties being present

*[Faint, mostly illegible handwriting in the lower half of the page, likely bleed-through or a second set of notes.]*

The deposition of Augustus Loomis of lawful  
age in a follow that on the 25th day of December 1788  
I voted for Mr. Joseph Schock Conductor in  
said W. Baldwin's Company. I did not consider  
myself under any obligation to Mr. Loomis for any  
term of time but I should not have left him when  
I did had it not been for the training on the 25th  
Day of December 1788. I enrolled my name in  
said W. Baldwin's Company about one week before the  
25th Day of December 1788 at which time I did not understand  
that there was a going to be another Choir for an  
of the nature of my enrolling my name was because I  
chose to train in said Company rather than any other  
I lived in the limits of said Company ten or eleven months  
from October 1786 since that I have lived out of the  
limits till I left Mr. Loomis the week before the 25th  
Day of December. I have lived in York State from April  
1786 till October 1788. Furthermore the Dependant said  
I should not be in said Company. Augustus Loomis  
deposition before me Daniel Cotton Field Clerk  
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The Testimony of Solomon Smith of  
 Farnston in Wiltshire County of Wiltshire  
 age is as follows that Stephen Barber hath  
 lived within the Limits of Capt Baldwin  
 Baldwins Company the Greater part of  
 the time for this three years last past and  
 he hath lived with me this last fall of  
 this year and this winter hitherto within D  
 Company and Nathaniel Willoughby hath lived within  
 said Limits all the <sup>time</sup> Except about five months  
 Ever since he was sixteen years old & resided  
 in D Limits considerable part of ~~that~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~Document~~  
 and that Nathaniel Barber hath resided within  
 D Limits ~~Ever since~~ <sup>Ever since</sup> a little way in the  
 age Except a few months that he was gone out  
 of town and that Augustus Lomis <sup>formerly</sup>  
 Belonged to D Company and hath <sup>not</sup> lived in any  
 other Company in this town so long as to be  
 involved in any Muster Role Except Capt Enkies  
 Schoers and he hath not lived in that Company  
 for this year and a half last past and he ~~is~~  
 included himself in Capt Baldwins Musterroll and  
 lived in the Limits of D Company for some time  
 and was here on the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of Decemb<sup>r</sup> 1788 & what  
 property D Lomis <sup>has</sup> and still is in D Limits  
~~and~~ ~~that~~ ~~and~~ ~~that~~ ~~and~~ ~~that~~ ~~and~~ ~~that~~  
 first Monday of October last when Capt Baldwin  
 had led his Company to the Choice of an Ensign  
 and the vote was counted it was reported that  
 Sergeant Joseph Schoer was chosen upon Report  
 there was a great tumult raised by the

...Philip & ...  
...Philip and one or two others  
saying that there was an unlawful vote dated 101c  
if Capt. Baldwin featured the choice and made  
reference to the Assembly they would find themselves  
against it and took up the choice the man objected  
against as an unlawful vote was Stephen Barber  
and being told that P. Barber was <sup>and</sup> a lawfull  
member some of them said that if he was <sup>and</sup> they will  
they did before he should vote and Kellogg being  
asked why he should be said he came from  
home on purpose to kicking a dirt if matters did  
not seem to <sup>and</sup> let him and <sup>and</sup> therefore <sup>and</sup> <sup>and</sup>  
and he said he was determined to keep school out  
to pay him for trying to keep <sup>and</sup> Thompson from  
getting in Capt. Barber Capt. Baldwin was present Capt  
and after Capt. Baldwin declared P. Marshal to be  
Charles Ensign I heard D. Kellogg say that  
he had not got much money but he had got  
time & strength & even life which he would  
spend the more he would get a Commission  
and let them could let another choice which  
they have mentioned <sup>particularly</sup> <sup>Thompson & Kellogg</sup> they could give  
they would be by let the case turn or it would  
but since they have had another choice they are  
still making as much difficulty as ever &  
that the above mentioned one make their  
brags of being the moving cause of <sup>and</sup> the  
difficulty now <sup>and</sup> slipping in D. Comings & other  
the Department with it.

Witnesses

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January 5 1789 personally appeared the  
within Dependant & made solemn oath to the  
within Deposition before me George Cullen Justice  
all parties being present

The testimony of Noah Drifton of Haverhill 102a  
Hutchinson County of New Hampshire is as follows  
that he belongs to Capt. Gabriel School's Company  
of Haverhill and that he has been in said  
Company for more than two years last past and  
that that Magister James D. Nathaniel School has  
not lived within the limits of D. Company for this  
two years last past and has not done any duty  
in D. Company since the month of May 1787. If  
Magister School is not in D. Company he  
may have refused to do duty in D. Company by reason  
of his unwillingness of D. Company and he did not  
think that we could collect a fine of them. Therefore  
we did not fine them and that they said they intended  
to go to the other Company meaning Capt. Baldwin's  
Company and that they have lived in the limits  
of Capt. Baldwin's Company the above mentioned  
term of time. Except a few months this Capt. Baldwin  
is that the person of said Magister School is  
former and that they belonged to the said  
Company only this fall and that Judah Barber  
& Stephen are not in Capt. School's  
Company and were never called upon to do duty  
in D. Company and that Magister School is an  
old and feeble man and is not a great  
military genius as any man in Capt. Baldwin's  
Company.

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Hamilton January 5 1789.

Personally appeared the within named Deponent  
and made solemn oath the the within Deposition  
all parties being before me George Clinton Justice peace

to the Honorable General General  
Assembly to be convened at Newhaven on  
the first Day of January 1788

Deposition taken & to be used before  
the assembly now in George Catlin Justice

James [unclear]	} Senator (Ctlin)
Samuel [unclear]	
James [unclear]	
Brook [unclear]	
John [unclear]	} Senator (Ctlin)
Joseph [unclear]	
Samuel [unclear]	
Brook [unclear]	



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The Executive General Assembly being  
The House of Representatives reported & enquired  
into the legality of the choice of Joseph Sevil  
to be Ensign & reported the facts with own  
Opinion thereon - by name of the report -

That we find in September last Capt  
Samuel W. Baldwin of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Company in the  
17<sup>th</sup> Regt of Militia and Colonel from Genl  
Smith to lead his Company to the choice of an  
Ensign - that on the first Monday of October  
following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Company met for the purpose -  
that said Company proceeded to the choice of an  
Ensign - and on counting the votes it appeared  
that Joseph Sevil was chosen by a Majority  
of three Votes - that upon Capt. Baldwin  
approaching the Company with a View to lead  
the choice he made known he found the  
Company in a very great tumult, and some of  
them manifested great uneasiness in the choice.  
upon which Capt. Baldwin advised with some  
gentle persons, who thought it would be expedient  
to give the Company Opportunity to vote  
again without declaring the choice now made  
which he did - and upon counting the votes the  
second time it appeared that Benjamin Givens  
was chosen by a Majority of four Votes, and  
the Capt. declared said choice in favor of said Givens  
- The Capt. finding very great uneasiness still to  
subsist obtained a second Order from Genl. Smith

I had said Conspiring to the choice upon Ensign  
again on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December last. The Com<sup>ty</sup>  
met accordingly and proceeded to vote for an Ensign  
and in consulting the rolls it appeared that Joseph  
Swad was chosen by a Majority of one the  
vote and the choice was declared accordingly.

We beg leave further to report that we found  
when the choices were made in October several  
persons were permitted to vote which in our  
opinion were not legal voters. That when  
the choice was made on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Dec<sup>r</sup> one  
Stephen Barber an inhabitant of Middlefield, but

casually residing within the limits of P. Com<sup>ty</sup>  
was permitted to vote in P. choice — that said Stephen  
Barber by said influence, induced one Augustus  
Loring to place himself for a few days within  
the limits of P. Com<sup>ty</sup> previous to P. choice and also  
to enroll his name in said Company, the before  
and after P. choice, he resided without the limits of  
P. Com<sup>ty</sup> — both of which persons appear to  
your Committee to be illegal voters —

Therefore your Committee beg leave  
~~to report that they are of opinion that~~  
are of opinion the choices made in October, and  
that made in December were all illegal —

Your Committee beg leave further  
to report to your Honors as their opinion, that  
considering the present divided State of P. Com<sup>ty</sup>  
it would be most expedient that they remain  
without of an Ensign until they shall be able  
to revive their Assembly that tranquillity is so  
but restored amongst them that a choice may  
Ensign

Enquiry may be made with propriety of  
Humility, and Beneficial to the Public — 10Ac  
all which is Submitted to — by your Obedient  
Servant

Nashua Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 1789

James Austin  
David Smith  
Samuel Lee

On the Lower House

The foregoing Report is accepted & approved

Approved Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 1789

James Davidson Clerk

Sealed in the upper House  
Jas. George Wyllis Secy

Suppl. of Committee  
on the Affairs of the  
the choice of the  
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Jan'y 1789  
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Bill in answer  
to the Petition of Mrs  
Butler wife of Creditors

Oct-1792  
pp<sup>ts</sup>

CC

CT 54. Lib.

Abel Parker

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 Jonathan Strong of D. Littlefield Esq about 3.50  
 Samuel Bishop of D. Harwinton about 10.00  
 Right Honourable John of D. Salisbury about 1.2.0  
 Right Honourable Esq of D. Littlefield about 3.0.0

That your petitioner is now by reason of length of time & grievous sickness in his family ~~and~~ and other providential & unavoidable misfortunes unable at this time to pay and discharge all his Just Debts: and that by reason of his present Impairments & Involucency he is never like to be able to make payment to all his ~~Just~~ Creditors, and also great Inequality is at present done among his Creditors, and the greatly distressed and his estate disposed off for but little value and conspired in Costs by reason <sup>of some</sup> of those of his Creditors who live near to him attaching his estate for some small trifling Debts and disposing off same at Auction: and your pet<sup>r</sup> being very desirous that perfect equality and Justice might be done among all his Creditors so far as he is able and for that purpose being willing to resign all his Credits and Effects of what Nature so his Goods are upon Oath for the sole Use and Benefit of his Creditors to be disposed off in such way and Manner as to your Honour may seem most Equitable & Right: and your Pet<sup>r</sup> would further beseech to observe that there may perhaps be some small Balances due to some persons not named which at present he is not able to determine: Whereupon your Honours unhappy Petitioner do most humbly pray your honours to take his distressed Case into your wise Consideration: and to Order and Decree that (upon your petitioner's resigning upon Oath all his Estate, Credits & Effects for the Use and Benefit of his Creditors and making a legal Assignment thereof to such person or persons and to be disposed off in such way and Manner as your honours shall Order and appoint) his Body ~~might~~ should be freed from any Arrest or Imprisonment & likewise from any Process or Execution for any Debt now due & owing from your Petitioner: or that your Honours would appoint some wise and Discreet Commissioners to look into the whole State of his Affairs and their Report to make to your Honours in & Advice for: & that his Body and Estate might be freed from Arrest or Imprisonment for any present Debts in any Manner: or that your Honours would some other way grant Relief to your poor unhappy Petitioner as to your

His name may appear just and reasonable and he is in Duty bound to ~~do~~ every praye

August 10 1773

Dated at Norwiche this 21 Day of ~~August~~ <sup>August</sup> 1773  
Learn: S. Butler

To the Sheriffs of the Countys of Stafford or Litchfield or to their respective Deputies or to either of the Constables of severall Towns in each of said Countys greeting  
In his Majestys Name you are comanded to summon each of the Persons here named as Creditors to the petitioner to appear before a general Assembly of the Colony of Connecticut to be holden at ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~place~~ <sup>place</sup> in and for said Colony on the second Thursday of ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~next~~ <sup>next</sup> ~~month~~ <sup>month</sup> that is to appear on the first Tuesday next after said second Thursday: Then and there to shew persons (if any they have) why the prayer of the foregoing ~~petition~~ <sup>Petition</sup> should not be granted: and you are to have a true and attested copy of the foregoing Petition ~~sent~~ <sup>sent</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~you~~ <sup>you</sup> and this Relation with a true and attested copy of the same to be delivered to the places of their respective abodes at least Twelve Days before the first Tuesday after said second Thursday: Fail not to due Return make

Dated at Litchfield this 21 Day of ~~August~~ <sup>August</sup> 1773

Oliver Wolcott Assistant

We whose Names are hereunto subscribed do acknowledge we have been duly notified of the ~~same~~ of this Petition and we do hereby fully accept of the same to have been duly served upon us and each of us and we have <sup>no</sup> Objections against the Prayer of the foregoing Petition being granted: but do hereby desire if same might be granted: Witness our hands

John A. Ward  
Solomon Cowles  
Benja. Eaton  
Amos Bull  
Joseph Church

David Collin Thos. Adams  
Samuel Collins Reynold Marvin  
John Weston William Stanton  
Josiah Phelps  
Phebe Smith George Catlin  
Sam. Catlin Jacob Burdett  
Elisha Melton