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State of New Hampshire } To the Hon.ble Senate & House of Representatives in General Court convened at Portsmouth by adiournment

The Petition of Titus Salter of Portsmouth aforesaid Humbly Shows

That to his great Surprise he find your Honors have been pleased to reduce his annual Salary one quarter part viz.t from Eight pounds to Six pound and also taken from him two thirds of his Rations allowed for a Capt.n in June Sesion last your Petitioner humbly conceives these Deductions have been made by unfair or partial Representations and he Humbly hopes to be restored to his former Salary & Rations as he can make it appear to your Honours that by his Exertions he has saved at least one third of the former Expences of the Light house to What it now is and in addition there to that Since Paper money has ceased in Currency your Petitioner has not received on Dollar in money for all his Service for five years past, and that he has paid of the Solders under his Command at the last of the War near five hundred pounds in hard Cash out of his own property and all that he has now to Show for the Same is an order on the Treasurer which he cannot Dispose of without an almost Ruin to him Self and family he humbly implor this Hon.ble Court to relieve him as his Creditors Will oblige him to dispose of the said order or otherways distress him to his great Dishonour and the Credit of the State and must go to Gold. If your Hon.rs Would indulge him With an order on the Imprest or Naval offer or Both he may

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of Ruin only for his assistance in paying the prov
Dryed Soldiers under his Command who were in the
Greatest Necessity your Petitioner would humbly pray that
another ~~Sold~~ Soldier may be allowed to his Company
he Submits his Petition to the Justice and
Humanity of your Honours and as in Duty bo
Shall ever pray

Titus Salter

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