

To his Excellency Jonathan Trumbull Esquire Governor of the State of Connecticut

To the memorial of Thomas Bingham [BING um}, William Redfield, John Barns, William Little, and Jabez [JAY bez] Clark all of said State humbly showeth that your memorialists were by your Excellency and the Council of Safety appointed Issuing Commissaries [*a position in the army that distributed supplies to the soldiers*] for this State pursuant to an Act of the General Assembly and had their wages and allowances settled at nine pounds per month and two rations per diem[.] – [T]hat your memorialist[s] have entered into said service and done their duty but have never received any rations from the Continent or this State, nor do they know where to apply for the same, in which they pray advice and direction how they are to obtain a proper allowance for the same.

Your Memorialists further **shew [*archaic form of show*]** that when they were appointed[,] it was proposed by the General Assembly that one Issuing Commissary should be appointed to each regiment and they were so appointed but several having resigned, it hath in fact happened that each of your memorialists have been obliged in general to attend upon and serve two regiments and sometimes a greater number, and that their service hath been much harder and severe than they could expect, especially as they had no horse

allowed them and have therefore been obliged to attend the marches and movements of the Army on foot, with great hardship and fatigue, for which reason they humbly submit whether it be not reasonable and just that some addition should be made to their wages.

Your memorialists further shew [show] that they have suffered all the inconveniences that the officers or soldiers from this State in the Army have suffered by reason of the high prices of clothing and necessaries both with respect to clothing themselves in the Army and supporting their families at home and therefore humbly pray that the provisions for enabling officers to supply themselves with clothing at a reasonable price and for supporting their families may be extended to them, and that in [the] future allowances to be made to the Army, if any shall be made, on account of the exorbitant prices of necessaries as compared with their pay your memorialists who are in equal equity may be considered and included.

Your memorialists being ignorant whether their redress in the principles is to be expected from your Excellency and the General Assembly, or the Council of Safety humbly pray your Excellency to lay their memorial before the proper board

and that what shall appear right and just in the particulars above mentioned may
be done for them and they as in duty bound will every pray –

dated in Hartford the 6th day of January 1779.

William Little Thomas Bingham

Jabez Clark William Redfield

John Barnes