

To the Honorable the Congress or Committee
of Safety of the State of New York

The Memorial of Frederick Phillips
Humbly sheweth

That on the 4th Day of August
last your Memorialist was, by order of his Excellency
General Washington taken into Custody at his own
house, and immediately sent Prisoner from thence
to New Rochelle, where he was closely confined under
Guard. That soon after, being removed to Conne-
cticut, a Parole, (a copy whereof is herunto Annexed)
was presented to him which he signed, and agreeable
thereto, has ever since been confined to this Town, and
a small district round it. That your Memorialist
has ^{thus} been deprived of his liberty without any par-
ticular matter being alledged against him, or
~~his~~ ever having an opportunity of offering
anything in his own defence. That conscious
of his having committed no offence against
the Community of which he is a Member,
nor taken any part in the present unhappy
Contest, which could in any way be construed un-
friendly to the General Interest of America, he
cannot help thinking that General Washing-
ton must have been induced to take this step in
consequence of some Misrepresentations. That
he has already suffered great hardships and in-
conveniences and if not permitted to return to his
own house before the severity of the winter sets
in must still suffer many more, which, in
his advanced stage of life and infirm state
of Health he is ill calculated to undergo. But
that even all the personal Inconveniences he has
felt and is likely ~~farther~~ to feel, if not soon relieved,
are far from making so deep an impression on
his mind as the Circumstance of being separated
from his wife and Numerous family, ^{and} thereby
prevented from Superintending his own affairs,
particularly the Education of his Children whose
tender years require the most watchful attentions

of a Paupers Case —

Your Memorialist therefore
Prays that your Honours will be pleased to take
his case under Consideration and afford him relief
by restoring him again to his liberty, or if that
cannot be granted at present, that he may be
indulged with leave to reside at his own house
(with such limits thereto as you may think fit
to prescribe) under a parole similar to that which
he has already given

All which is humbly Submitted

Middlebury Connecticut November 1776

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