

To the Honorable George Washington Esq: Commander
in Chief of the united States in America

May it please your Excellency to take into
Consideration our humble Petition. Whereas two of the
Enemies Ships of War with their Barges and Tenders are
arrived up the North River as far as Tarrytown We suppose
with a Hostile design to distress us - with the concurrence
of the Congress and assistance of the Committee and by the
forwardness of a Number of Volunteers a considerable number
of People are collected to our assistance, most of whom are
very anxious about their Harvests, which are now fit for
Collection and in a suffering condition for want of laborers.

We therefore humbly petition your Excellency to send us such
a Number of Troops as your Excellency shall judge proper, to
Secure the Inhabitants up and down the River from the cruel
Designs of the Enemy - As to further particulars must be
leave to refer your Excellency to the bearer Cap: ~~Walter~~ Dutcher

In name of the Officers here present I have
the honor to Subscribe myself

Your Excellency's



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James Hoffman
Lieut: Coll: of the first
Battailon of Militia in
Westchester County

Tarrytown
15 July 1776
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from Alice Hammond
Westchester County, N.Y.
July 15. 1875.