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## ADDENDA.

[We are indebted to James H. Phelps, Esq., of West Townshend, Vt., for the following documents, which came to hand too late to be inserted in their proper order.—ED.]

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PETITION OF SAM'L ROBINSON & OTHERS TO THE KING,  
REFERRED TO IN LORD SHELBURNE'S DESPATCH OF 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 1767.

To the KING's Most Excellent MAJESTY.

The Humble Petition of the several Subscribers hereto, Your Majesty's Most Loyal Subjects, Sheweth to Your Majesty ;

That We obtained at considerable Expence of Your Majesty's Governor of the Province of New Hampshire, Grants and Patents for more than One Hundred Townships in the Western Parts of the said supposed Province ; and being about to settle the same, many of Us, and others of Us, having actually planted Ourselves on the same, were disagreeably surprised and prevented from going on with the further intended Settlements, by the News of its having been determined by Your Majesty in Council, That those Lands were within the Province of New York ; and by a Proclamation issued by Lieutenant Governor COLDEN, in Consequence thereof forbidding any further Settlement until Patents of Confirmation should be obtained from the Governor of New York. Whereupon We applied to the Governor of said Province of New York, to have the same Lands confirmed to Us in the same Manner as they had been at first granted to Us by the Governor of the said Province of New Hampshire ; when, to Our utter Astonishment, We found the same could not be done, without our paying as Fees of Office for the same, at the Rate of Twenty Five Pounds, New York Money, equal to about Fourteen Pounds Sterling ; for every Thousand Acres of said

Lands, amounting to about Three Hundred and Thirty Pounds Sterling at a Medium, for each of said Townships, and which will amount in the Whole to about £33,000 Sterling, besides a Quit-rent of Two Shillings and Six Pence Sterling, for every Hundred Acres of said Lands ; and which being utterly unable to do and perform, We find ourselves reduced to the sad Necessity of losing all our past Expence and Advancements ; and many of Us of being reduced to absolute Poverty and Want, having expended Our All in making said Settlements.

Whereupon Your Petitioners beg Leave most Humbly to observe,

1. That when We applied for and obtained said Grants of said Lands, the same were and had been at all Times fully understood and reputed to lie and be within the said Province of New Hampshire, and well within the power of the Governor of that Province to grant ; So that Your Petitioners humbly hope they are equitably entitled to a Confirmation of the said Grants to them.

2. The said Grants were made and received on the moderate Terms of your Petitioners paying as a Quit-Rent One Shilling only, Proclamation Money, equal to Nine Pence Sterling per Hundred Acres ; and which induced Us to undertake to settle said Townships throughout, and thereby to form a full and compacted Country of People, whereas the imposing the said Two Shillings and Six Pence Sterling per Hundred Acres, will occasion all the more rough and unprofitable parts of said Lands not to be taken up ; but pitches, and the more valuable parcels only to be laid out, to the utter preventing the full and proper Settlement of said Country, and in the Whole to the lessening your Majesty's Revenue.

3. Your humble Petitioners conceive, that the insisting to have large and very exorbitant Fees of Office to arise and be computed upon every Thousand Acres in every Township of Six or perhaps more Miles square, and that when one patent, one Seal, and one Step only of every Kind, toward the completing such patents of Confirmation respectively, is necessary, is without all reasonable and equitable Foundation, and must and will necessarily terminate in the totally preventing your Petitioners obtaining

the said Lands, and so the same will fall into the Hands of the Rich, to be taken up, the more valuable parts only as aforesaid, and those perhaps not entered upon and settled for many years to come; while your petitioners with their numerous and helpless Families, will be obliged to wander far and wide to find where to plant themselves down, so as to be able to live.

Whereupon your petitioners most humbly and earnestly pray, that your Majesty will be graciously pleased to take their distressed State and Condition into your Royal Consideration, and order that We have our Lands confirmed to Us, on such reasonable Terms, and in such Way and Manner, as your Majesty shall think fit. Further, We beg Leave to say, that if it might be consistent with your Majesty's Royal pleasure, We shall esteem it a very great Favour and happiness, to have said Townships put and continued under the Jurisdiction of the government of the said province of New-Hampshire, as at the first, as every Emolument and Convenience both publick and private, are in Your Petitioners humble Opinion, clearly and strongly on the side of such Connection with said New-Hampshire Province. All which Favours or such and so many of them as to Your Majesty shall seem meet to grant, We humbly ask; or that Your Majesty will in some other Way grant Relief to Your petitioners; and they, as in Duty bound, shall ever pray.

Dated in New-England, November, 1766. And in the Seventh Year of His Majesty's Reign.

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## POWER OF ATTORNEY.

We the Subscribers Proprietors and claimants in and of sundry Townships, lately granted by GOVERNOR WENTWORTH, in the Western Parts of the then supposed Province of *New-Hampshire*, do hereby fully impower Our trusty Friends and fellow Partners in those Interests, *Samuel Robinson, Esq; Ebenezer Cole, Jeremiah French, Benjamin Ferris, Samuel Hungerford Ebenezer Fisk, John Brooks, John Sherrer, Samuel Keep, Partridge Thatcher, Abraham Thompson, Edward Burling, Benjamin Townsend, Tunis Wortman, Peter Clapper, John Burling, Joseph Hallet, Thomas Hicks, Esq; and David Matthews, Esq;* for Us and in Our behalf and stead, to take and pursue all and every needful and proper measure and step, by application to His Majesty or otherwise, to obtain a full confirmation to Us of said lands, on such reasonable Terms as May be; hereby granting to them and to any and every three or more of them, full Power of Substitution. Witness our Hands, in *New-England, November, 1766.*

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