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On board the Ship warren 225

Feb.y 19, 1777.

Much respected Gentlemen

We, who present this petition, engaged on board the Ship warren, with an earnest desire and fixed expectation of doing our country some Service; we are still anxious for the welfare of America, and wish nothing more earnestly than to see her in peace and prosperity. We are ready to hazard every thing that is dear, and, if necessary, sacrifice our lives for the welfare of our country. We are desirous of being active in the defence of our constitutional liberties and privileges against the unjust encroachments of tyranny and oppression, but as things are now circumstanced on board this frigate there seems to be no prospect of our being Serviceable in our present Stations. We have been in this Situation for a considerable Space of time. We are personally unacquainted with the real character and conduct of our commander, commodore Hopkins, and we take this Method, not having a more convenient opportunity, of sincerely and humbly petitioning the Honorable Marine committee that they would enquire into his character and conduct. for we suppose that his character is such, and that he has been guilty of such crimes as render him quite unfit for the publick department he now sustains, of which crimes we the Subscribers are sufficiently at least.

P.S. Capt.n Grant the bearer of this will be able to give all the information desired

Roger Baldwin
Silvr Trumbull
James Bowdoin

To the Hon.ble Marine Committee

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