

number of Tories, 28 to be confined in the Exeter jail, 7 in Portsmouth, 19 in Dover, and 14 in Amherst jails.

January 28, 1777. Capt. Robinson receives orders to raise a company for Col. Schammell's regiment.

In the reorganization of the N. H. regiments Caleb Robinson was commissioned Captain of the 5th Company, 2d Regiment, Col. Nathan Hale, April 2, 1777.

The three N. H. regiments were stationed at Ticonderoga, under command of General John Sullivan. After the retreat, Captain Robinson was captured July 7, 1777, at the battle of Hubbardton, Vt., with Col. Hale, 6 captains and about 120 men. They were taken to Montreal, where they arrived August 1st. Then taken to Quebec, where they signed their paroles October 11th. On November 1st sailed for New York, where they arrived about December 21st, and returned to Exeter in February, 1778, where eight officers presented the following petition to the Legislature:

To the Honorable the Council and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire, in General Court assembled. Humbly show the subscribers, officers in the Battalion of New Hampshire Troops in the Continental Army:

That at the sudden evacuation and precipitate retreat at Ticonderoga, they lost all their baggage and clothing to a considerable amount, except what they had on; that afterwards they were taken by the enemy and carried into captivity, in which they suffered incredible hardships and must have perished but for the kindness of Capt. Freeman, formerly of Boston, now in Canada, whose humanity prompted him to lend them one hundred and eighty dollars, whereby they were enabled to procure themselves a scanty subsistence. That after a long and tedious confinement they were (they know not how) exchanged and transported to New York, where they were dismissed almost naked, and destitute of every means of supporting themselves on the way home, which they could not have reached but for the charitable assistance of the people by the way. That they are now unable to supply themselves with clothing and other things necessary in order to their joining their respective regiments, and to discharge their debt of honor to Capt. Freeman.

Wherefore, they pray your honors to take their case into your