

[As partaking of the SUBLIME of COMPOSITION—we give the following:]

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To his Excellency DANIEL SHAYS, Esquire.

**D**ISTINGUISHED as you are by your noble exertions in the cause of liberty, and deeply interested in the burdens and grievances of your native country, you necessarily command the most respectful attention. Give me leave to address you and your injured companions, on the subject of Massachusetts grievances. Born to be free, the inhabitants of this once renowned State, can never submit to have their property torn from them by vile edicts, issued from a body of men whom they consider as their servants: The disposal of their own property with perfect freedom, and in a manner wholly divested of every appearance of constraint, is their indefeasible birthright. For this exalted blessing we drew the sword at Pelham, and submitted to, or rather embraced imprisonment, poverty and exile, in every stage of last winter's campaign. That there are grievances no one can deny; that they have been in some measure redressed, no honest regulator pretends to dispute: But are we to consider our grievances as redressed, when you, and our worthy leaders are driven into exile? and are we to stand tame spectators of the insults and indignities offered to your sacred persons, by every Lincolnian jacktar? God forbid! that any honest regulator should brook an insult offered to your sacred persons. Permit me to assure you, that there are yet, many worthy friends in the county of Berkshire, who are determined to support with their lives and properties, that anarchy and confusion which we so happily enjoyed the last winter, and transmit it uncontaminated to the latest posterity. Give me leave just to hint to you, that you are followed by the wise and virtuous—that you have the world spectators of your conduct, and wishing you success. Go on then in the glorious work you have begun, and restore that freedom to your injured countrymen, which never fails to crown her honest sons.

A FRIEND TO REGULATION.

Pittsfield, August 2, 1787.