

New York, 15th November, 1830.

Sir,—The MEMORIAL, of which a copy is found on the preceding pages, will be laid before Congress at the approaching session. It is on the behalf of that class of Officers and Soldiers who served for various and different periods, between the commencement of hostilities in 1775 and the first day of October in the year 1780, the period at which the new organization of the army took place. Many of the Officers who had served during the first few years of the war, resigned; either from pecuniary distress of themselves or families, or from total prostration of health; and in no instance, as far as our knowledge extends, from any other cause: *Yet these are the only Officers and Soldiers for whom no provision of any sort has been made*, though many of them were made prisoners, and confined in prison-ships and filthy jails and dungeons. These compose a portion of those citizens who, in your public celebrations and speeches, are denominated the *Patriots of '76*.

If it should appear to your Excellency that the claims of the Memorialists is founded in justice, they would respectfully ask, that you would be pleased to invite the attention of the Legislature of your State to the subject. It is hoped, by these means, to induce the several States, through the medium of their Legislatures, to recommend to their Senators and Representatives in Congress, the adoption of the measures proposed by the memorialists.

We have the honor to be, very respectfully,

ROBERT HUNTER.

His Excellency,
Daniel Martin.