

In Council May 21st 1789.

Sir,

We have before us a Petition from a number of Inhabitants of Hartford County, stating that the measures taken to compel payment from the Collectors, have obliged them to distress the people to so insupportable a degree that unless some further indulgence is given great numbers will be entirely ruined. The Board has already been so far swayed by motives of expediency and good policy as to protract for a time the regular issue of the proceedings commenced 56 against the Collectors. The present case is so urgent and alarming that we are inclined to examine how far the same motives may justify us in extending the indulgence already given - but as not only the policy but the legality of the measures in contemplation is doubtful we are averse to a decision in so small a Board as we have at present. We therefore beg your immediate attendance, that we may be enabled to give this subject the full consideration it merits.

We are Sir

Your most Obedt. Servant
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