

even in favour of shaking off the  
 shackles of the old State & setting  
 us free - and I feel my self as  
 pledged to support the Creditors  
& interests of the State of Maine  
 and all measures adopted for  
 her welfare by the officers  
 of the Government, I have firm-  
 ly believed for some years that  
 it would be for Interest of Maine  
 to be a separate Government.  
 I have not seen any thing to alter  
 my opinion but my belief is  
 increased that it ~~is~~ <sup>should be</sup>  
 so in this belief I am opposed  
 by the Citizens of this Town - they  
 ever violently opposed to Separation.  
 James Bailey kept my self was the  
 only advocates for it in Columbia,  
 in the list of Nominations I sent  
 you, I omitted Ich<sup>d</sup> B. B. B. &  
 Holmes Nash who had come as  
 Justice of Peace & David Warr for Colo-  
 nel in my district & John Whitney Esq  
 by his request that his Brother Abel  
 might be appointed a Justice the  
 Coroner is nearly seventy years old  
& Mr & Mrs B. B. B. & Nash  
 were strongly opposed to Separation