

of our State Independance, I have been
a warm and firm friend of the National
Government in all times; and have without
any deviation supported the Republic
cause in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
My exertions in the cause of Separation
have been as great as my circumstances
would allow, for which and other enquiries
I would beg leave to refer you to Alfred
Johnson Jr Esq. the Representative from this
Town.

The registry of Probate is vacant as
I understand by the election of William
Abbott Esq. of Bathine to be a Representa-
tive in the Legislature, this office
would be agreeable to me. If however
some other person should be found more
suitable for this situation, and some other
place should be assigned me I should be
grateful for the obligation = what will
best aid me in supporting and educating
a numerous family would be most
serviceable to me.

With much respect

your most obt. and

humble servant John Messier

His Excellency Wm

King Governor of Maine