

Belfast May 24th 1820

His Excellency William King,
Governor of
of the State of Maine, —

Sir

I am about to take a liberty, which your well known liberality will undoubtedly excuse, in addressing a line to your attention; I have for several years been in mercantile business in this place, and at the close of the war met with a large reduction of my property in consequence of the depreciation of goods on my hands, I have also experienced some other misfortunes not necessary to recapitulate. My family is large, some notice from you in the distribution of the offices in this County would not be unacceptable to me and I hope not injurious to the public. — I have had some experience in public business, I have officiated for many years as chairman of the Selectmen in this place and hold that office at this time, I have been a representative in the Legislature of Massachusetts from this town and was also one of the delegates in the Norwich Convention; where I shew no want of zeal in the cause