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To- Wit :

We, the underwritten subscribers, being deeply affected at this time, on account of the present innovations that of late have taken place, and still seem to be continued between Great Britain and the American Colonies; and also being well convinced that great precaution ought to be used by every person, in supporting and maintaining our rights and privileges which we are entitled to, as being free born according to known laws of nature and nations; and further, being so situated, that an extended tract of land, within the limits of this Province, lies much exposed to the executions of an Indian enemy, should the present seeming ill-disposed minds of those savages be disturbed by any ill-disposed person, who wisheth ill to the common peace and tranquility of the British Empire, and being fully minded to do every thing in our power consistent with the obligations that we lay under to our country in general, to ourselves as free men, and to our posterity, we, and each of us, for ourselves, do unanimously agree, and into strict compact enter, as one man, with heart and hand to defend this country, as far as in us lie, and that the same may be effected in the most salutary way of the least cost to this Province, or America in general: We do hereby engage to furnish ourselves with good arms and accoutrements, and also to hold ourselves in readiness as a troop of horse, to march at 24 hours' notice, under the command of our proper officers, commissioned by the Honorable the Council of Safety, and that the world may be fully satisfied of our loyal intention, we propose to defend our country in her liberties from any invasion whatsoever, and all, as ready free volunteers, unless when we may be called upon duty, and then we expect according to the pay of the other troops commissioned and paid by the Government.

And we also further agree, that as soon as thirty men or more, well equipped, have entered and subscribed their names hereunto, then we hold it most proper to choose our officers by a majority of the votes of the volunteers so entered. To which we engage to perform truly.

Given under our hands this 12th day of September, 1775.

DAVID HUNTER,
JOHN CALHOUN,

JOHN NORWOOD,
MICHAEL BLAINY,

EDWARD THOMAS,	JAMES HENDERSON,
DEMPSEY JOINER,	ALLEN NAGGIT,
SAMUEL HOPKINS,	SAMUEL BLACK,
JAS. LIDDELL,	BENJAMIN HAYS,
JAMES MORROW,	JAMES BIRMINGHAM,
MOSES LIDDELL,	JAMES MEORY,
WILLIAM BLACK,	JARED LIDDELL,
SAMUEL MILLER,	JAMES WEEMS,
WILLIAM MILLER, SEN'R.,	DAVID MILLER,
WILLIAM MILLER, JUN'R.,	ROB'T. BOND,
THOMAS WILSON,	THOMAS TURNER,
JOHN WELCH,	WILLIAM BOYS,
HARRIS TYNER,	JAS. HARRALL,
JAMES STEVENSON,	JNO. STEVENSON,
AND'W. MILLER,	HUGH STEVENSON,
JOHN MILLER,	ALEX'R. STEVENSON,
ROBERT MILLER,	HERMON KALB,
STEPHEN STEVENS,	WM. ROWIEL,
WILLIAM ROSS,	JOS. ROWIEL,
CALEB JYNER,	WM. WALLACE,
JOHN JOHNSON,	JNO. ADAIR,
THOMAS LESEY,	THOS. BATEY,
LEWIS FALOW,	JAS. JONES,
GIDEON HOLMES,	JNO. MCKADAM,
JOHN McAVOY,	JAS. ANDERSON,
ARTHUR HENDERSON,	WM. WALLACE.

DECLARATION.

SOUTH CAROLINA—NINETY-SIX DISTRICT.

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CAMP, NEAR NINETY-SIX, September 13th, 1775.

By the Honorable William Henry Drayton, Esq.; A Declaration.

Whereas, the liberties of America being treacherously and cruelly violated, by an abandoned administration in Great Britain, surrounding the throne, and deceiving Majesty, for their own corrupt purposes, thirteen American Colonies, including New Hampshire to the North,