

upon the coast, and troops were ordered to the spot to aid in its defence. From Hanover, the whole company under the command of Capt. Lemuel Curtis was detached; and in the Pay Roll of the same, which was sworn to before Joseph Cushing, Esq., Jan. 20, 1777,¹ occur the names of Lemuel Curtis, Captain; John Hatch, 1st Lieut.; Abner Curtis, 2d Lieut.; Calvin Curtis, Michael Silvester, James Curtis, and Israel Perry, Sergeants; and Elijah Curtis, Jabez Studley, Joseph Curtis, Prince Curtis, Thomas Hatch, David House, Snow Curtis, Joshua Dwelley, Jesse Curtis, John Totman, Eliab Studley, Marlboro' Turner, Joseph Randall, Abel Curtis, Seth Bailey, Ezra Briggs, Elisha Simmons, Abner Curtis, jr., Robert Corthrell, Gershom Curtis, Job Curtis, Isaac Hatch, Simeon Curtis, Seth Curtis, William Gilbert, Elijah Stetson, Melzar Curtis, Ebenezer Curtis, Job Barstow, Solomon Bryant, Benjamin Bass, Seth Josselynn, Lemuel Bates, and Gamaliel Bates.

Whilst these events were transpiring, the Continental Congress was in session, and the declaration of Independence was under discussion; and June 30, at a meeting in Hanover "held to take into consideration a resolve of the Honorable House of Representatives of the Massachusetts Bay, relative to advising the person or persons chosen to represent them in the General Court, whether, if the Honorable American Congress should for the safety of the American Colonies, declare them Independent of the Kingdom of Great Britain, they the said inhabitants, will solemnly engage, with their lives and fortunes, to support them in the measure, Voted, to instruct their Representative, that if said Congress, should think it safest to declare them Independent of the Kingdom of Great Britain, they the inhabitants will support them in the measure."

During the summer of 1773, the soldiers from Hanover were mostly stationed in the vicinity of Boston, and fortifications were erected at Noddle's island, and at other places in the harbor; twenty British vessels were driven from the coast; and two regiments, and the battalion of artillery were kept in the service of the province throughout the season.²

¹ Rev. Rolls, 18. 10.

² Bradford's Massachusetts, p. 111 et. al.