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I Joseph Loomis of Colebrook in the county of Coos  
State of New Hampshire Esq. testify and say that  
it is general report that Charles Hanson, Samuels  
Wells Cooper & Charles Hall are now closely im-  
prisoned in a building called the black house  
situate in Stewarttown in said county and are  
there held ~~imprisoned~~ by persons acting under the  
authority of a person known by the name of  
Capt. Hodgson who is there stationed with  
a company of armed men under his command.

That in the month of January last I was  
at said black house and there saw imprisoned  
Austin Bogue a private citizen of the United States  
who has since been discharged. At that time I  
demonstrated with said Hodgson against such  
unreasonable arrests. Said Hodgson observed that  
he was acting under the authority of the United  
States, and that he should continue to arrest  
all such persons as ~~under said~~ ~~arrested~~  
any thing disrespectful to the army or the laws.

That the conduct of those now commanding  
the military post at that place is such as to  
make the civil wholly subservient to the military  
law, and every suitable measure are taken  
to redress the grievances of the inhabitants of that  
part.

of the county. many of the peaceable inhabitants will  
be driven from their homes and be compelled to  
abandon their property to ~~be~~ ~~after the~~ ~~lawless~~  
a lawless military force.

Joseph Loomis

State of New Hampshire. Feb<sup>y</sup> 15. 1814

Joseph Loomis esq personally made solemn  
oath that the foregoing affidavit by him  
signed is just true before me.

W. Woodcock pub. Noty.