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## *Massachusetts Centinel*, 19 May 1787

*Extract of a letter from a gentleman, at Springfield dated May 15.*

“Our friends in this county do not relish the pardons lately granted to the Traitors who were lately sentenced to the halter, by the Supreme Court. I last week saw one of these miscreants, who notwithstanding this act of grace in his favour, is as inveterate an insurgent as ever, and would willingly sacrifice the men who have given him his life—he has had the audacity publicly to say, that if Government DARED to have hung him, he was sure they would, and that he had nothing to thank them for—This, indeed, is the language of many of the rebels, who since the movements of *their brethren in iniquity* in Vermont, grow more saucy than ever. I hope however the events of the 24th inst. will convince them that vigour, energy and consistency are characteristic of the present Supreme Executive—and that as they have the power so they have the will, to crush a daring insurrection, by the example of a number of its fomenters.

“A gentleman from the northward informs me, that some of the rebel leaders in Vermont are enlisting men for the service of *the King of England*—they are to serve 3 months, are promised 18s. bounty, and 40s per month—He actually saw several enlisting papers, with a number of names on each. This may be depended on.”

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