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To the Freemen of the State of N. Carolina.

FRIENDS & COUNTRYMEN,

WE are already canvassing for the ensuing election of members of Assembly; this is the time of guarding against grievances, similar to those we have experienced, by being particularly careful in the choice of our delegates, and giving them such instructions as would be agreed to, by a majority of the county.

In order to effect this great purpose, I would recommend to the sheriffs to adopt the mode lately followed in Ireland, at the desire of the people. Let the sheriff by advertisement appoint a day, some time after the election, for the freeholders and freemen of his county to meet at some convenient place, to take into consideration what new laws should be necessary to be enacted for the welfare and benefit of the inhabitants of such county and the state at large.

At such meeting, let the people appoint twelve, fifteen or twenty selectmen for the said county, as a committee for that purpose; but none of the new-elected members to be a selectman. The committee so appointed would proceed to business, and draw up instructions for the representatives; they would afterwards apply to the sheriff, that he might call another meeting of the people, where they would inform them of the alterations necessary to be made, giving their reasons for the same. After having undergone the necessary amendments, and received the approbation of the meeting, these instructions should be signed, a copy should be delivered to the new-elected

members, and another sent to the Printer for publication.

I am confident that this measure would prove of infinite benefit to the inhabitants of this state, and in a great measure prevent the malversations generally committed by men in public offices and would besides have the good tendency of assisting our legislators, in finding out the true sentiments of the people at large, on every important question, and enable them thereby to enact such laws, as would meet with the general approbation of their constituents. It would also render gentlemen in the house more cautious in their votes, and oblige them to stick closely to the intentions of their electors.

A V O T E R.

July 10.

Mr. MARTIN.

In perusing your paper of the sixth instant, I felt myself highly elevated at the spirited and patriotic decision of our Judges, on the subject of the *Quitting Act*, at Newbern last Superior Court.

As long as we shall have officers, who will not dread the frowns of power, our constitution, our liberties and our lives will be safe. What a satisfaction must

friend of his country, affixed to the property of public officers (very few indeed excepted) at Newbern, when we thought we had reason to suspect that public spirit had deserted this state, to find that there are yet some noble and generous souls, who disdaining all consequences dare vindicate in the holy sanctuary of justice the rights of man,

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