

health at present, blessed be God for it, hoping this will find you and the rest of my dear children in like manner. We are to march tomorrow to the Lake. I have nothing remarkable to tell you—I am in haste, so I remain your most loving husband, JAMES JOHNSON.

CHARLESTOWN, Jan. 10, 1799.

We, whose names are subscribed, having been many years acquainted with Mrs. Hastings, formerly Mrs. Johnson, who was captivated by the Indians in this town in the year 1754, are willing to say in her favor, that we have ever considered her as a woman of veracity, and that she hath ever sustained a good character. Some of us were in town when she was captivated, and none of us have reason to disbelieve the statement of facts which she has given the public.

PETER LABARREE,
THOMAS PUTNAM,
MOSES WILLARD,
WILLIAM HEYWOOD,
JOSEPH WILLARD,
SYLVANUS HASTINGS,
TIMOTHY PUTNAM,
ABEL WALKER,
SAMUEL WETHERBE,

*Printed when Mrs.
Hastings was captivated.*

SAMUEL TAYLOR,
TIMOTHY CARLETON,
OLIVER HASTINGS,
JONATHAN BAKER,
ELIJAH GROUT,
DEMELL GROUT,
BEZALEEL SHAW,
SETH GROUT,
WILLIAM GILBERT.