

Sir / I have taken this opportunity to inform you that the Election
in our County was not conducted according to law, for the
Sheriff only advertised but five days before the Election
came on which to my knowledge I do know a great many of
the people did ^{not} know of an Election tho the Sheriff lives in the
same Settlement, besides that breach of the law, there is
detention, for ^{an amount} the Invalued had their

eyes, men with but one
hand, and numbers of satch not composing the Militia
We see in our eyes are on you hoping you will do us that
Justice, that the Laws of our Country as free men entitle us to
We hope you will see that the law is faithfully executed
The tenth article in the Constitution Sec 2 Declares the
Law of North Carolina (Page 319) Chap 4 Sec 2 to be in
force and use, which law says the Sheriff shall advertise
20 days before the Election, We here send you one of the
Advertisements to show your honour that the Proceedings
of our Election have been illegal, and We hope your honour
will support the application of giving out the Commissioners
for I can advise you if the County have a fair chance
These men will not command the County, Please to lay
the law before the Assembly in order that we may have
you with the greatest Esteem

John Cressling Secretary

Jos. Hardy

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To his Excellency
John Jay
New York

John Jay

Respectfully
the election.

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