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Petition to Selectmen of Billerica from residents opposing the erection of a new bridge over Concord River

To the Hon^{ble} the Select men of Billerica, to be communicated to the Town at the next Town Meeting

The Petition of sundry of the Inhabitants of Billerica aforesaid humble sheweth; That whereas we understand the design of building a new Bridge over Concord River, to be carried on pushing forward at this time with an Unwonted Resolution, & much to the Dissatisfaction of many of the Inhabitants, we therefore think ourselves oblig'd humble to demonstrate as follows

1. That many of us the Subscribers have lately been at Charge of erecting a new Bridge over the said River for the Convenience of Trade & Transportation, & are humbly of Opinion that it is wholly needless to lay upon us 3^d Town of Charge of Erecting another between that of the said old and Bridges. The needless multiplying such large Bridges must needs be a multiplying of needless Charges.
2. The Proposed Third Bridge will be of little or no advantage either for Trade, or Transportation, saving to four or five Families.
3. The Town is going into a great Charge in Building a New meeting house, & to bring upon the Town this additional unnecessary Charge at this time will be deemed by some an unreasonable Burden.
4. Your humble Petitioners on the West side of the River are with some of your Neighbours of other Towns Engaged in an Undertaking of greater concern to our selves & Posterity, namely to obtain the Assent of your Assembly among us with more speed & Convenience, & we humbly ask that you will rather promote & Encourage such a pious Design, rather than discourage it, & give us your ready helping hand, rather than throw such a stumbling Block in our way as the proposed Bridge will be, & it may be by some is designed to be.

Upon such Considerations as are herein offered to you Com^{rs} & our very good Friends & Neighbours; we your humble Petitioners earnestly move for slighting of the said proposed Bridge, if not as a nuisance, yet as a pretty useful piece of Service, & that you will grant the prayer of our Petition for the slighting of it; to your Petitioners that habitly pray for

Billerica
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West side of the River	Joseph Mearns	East side of the River
Capt John Hill	John Durant	Joseph Hill
Theo. Durant		Ralph Hill
Bonny Spaulding		Thomas Ason
John Hill Junr		with his ff
Bonny Durant		
Abm Durant		
Joseph Hill Junr		
John Durant		
Joseph Kemp		
John Foster		
John Kemp		
Thomas Farley		
Joseph Durant		
John Durant Junr		
Joseph Kemp		
Jonathan Kemp		
Thomas Kemp Junr		
Thomas Kemp Junr		