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I am with great esteem,

Yours most obedient humble servant,

J. W. Freeman

[Signature]

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B. S. M.
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William Freeman
Dear Sir,

Enclosed is an additional list of Perci's certificates, which please to examine, and inform me whether any of which are counterfeit.

[Here follows the list]

I am this moment favoured with yours of March 9. I find one of the certificates is counterfeit. The Bill for $100 is to be sent on and paid by Mr. Russel, but you can remit him Mr. King's draft at 300 dollars you sent me. The matter will stand right, Mr. King will deliver you the 79 5/6 lawful which balances our account.

Adieu, I shall write you again soon.

Yours in haste,

E. Gerry

Col. Hodgdon
Boston, March 16, 1785

To Samuel Hodgdon

Dear Sir:

Annexed is an additional list of Pierce’s certificates, which please to examine & inform me whether any of which are counterfeit—

[here follows the list]

I am this moment favored with yours of March 7 & I find one of the Certificates is counterfeited—The Bill for 400 dollars is sent on and paid by Mr. Russell, but you can remit him Mr. King’s draft who has received for it the three hundred ninety dollars & the matter will stand right. Mr. King will deliver you the 72.5 which balances our account.

Adieu. I shall write you again soon—Yours in haste, E. Gerry
Office of Army Accounts
York June 23rd June 1786.

Sir,

In answer to your several queries contained in yours of 22 Instant to M. Pinel, I have to inform you that M. Hodgdon brought several certificates of final settlements to the Office, then at Philadelphia, to be examined, which appeared by the original register to be counterfeit in all their contents, except the paper, that they were examined by me in the presence of M. Hodgdon and the gentleman of the Office immediately on their being produced—and further that I thought it my duty to detain those certificates until the arrival of M. Pinel who was then on his circuit thro' the Southern States, but being informed by M. Hodgdon they were received of a person well known by him, and that no injury would come to the United States by their being delivered to him, they were returned—As M. Pinel was absent when this transaction happened he has directed me to answer your letter to him.

Yours tr.

[Signature]

Joseph Ward
Office of Army Accounts, New York

June 28th 1786

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Yours, Joseph Howell
New Orleans, October 28, 1856

Office of Army Accounts.

Sir,

I have now to request that you will make other as will appear necessary from the recent information I have received that John Parker has been requested to verify the certificates with some regard to his having committed forgeries to the signature of the Secretary of War in the office of the War Department. And in the meantime, and as far as I can judge, that he has so well committed forgeries that it is almost impossible to detect them, and therefore I have reason to believe that this officer may be very much interested in this matter. I therefore request that you will take such steps as will prevent any person from being interested in any manner of such a nature as to prevent the signature of the Secretary of War in the office of the War Department being verified.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

For the Secretary of State.
Oct 30. 1786  
Loan Officers of the different States  
Circular  
New York October 30. 1786  
Office of Army Accounts  

Circular  

Sir  

Inclosed you will receive my further register of certificates issued. I have reason to believe that John Phelon has passed counterfeited certificates of the same necessities marks and descriptions with the genuine ones issued by me, and that he has so well imitated my signature that it is almost impossible to detect them.

and I am therefore apprehensive that the Loan Officers may by this means have been imposed on, & have therefore to request that your attention to the detection of any person who shall offer such duplicate for the payment of Interest and that you will see if on the back of some of them there is not marked in small figures the number of the certificate in Phelon's hand in which case you may be tolerably very certain that the certificate is a bad one and will require the utmost attention that it be the persons through whose hands the same has passed should be known.
British surrender at Yorktown
Treaty of Paris ends the Revolution
Constitutional Convention
Ratification of the Constitution

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