War department, Feb 7th 1793.

Gentlemen,

John Blackburn, the bearer, has applied for a pension. The Secretary of War requests that you will please to examine him, and certify the nature of his disability and your opinion thereon.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

Dr. Williams, Skipper
James Hutchinson
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I am, gentlemen, most respectfully, your most humble servant, John Stagg
Friday Oct. 24th 1780

Sir,

Mr. Dickinson, the widow of a man who was formerly a Captain in the New Jersey line, has applied to me to aid and advise her in the settlement of his military account. I have referred her to you under a confidence of with an assurance that you will facilitate such settlement as far as is in your power consistently with your duty. In favor of her demand I do not hesitate to say from my own recollection that Capt. Dickinson was employed to purchase arms for the soldiers, if that I have reason to think they were converted to public use.

As the death of the principal puts it out of the power of the widow of the hands to be as accurate in their vouchers or their proofs as otherwise would be necessary, you will doubtless consider their situation and make every proper allowance.

I am for your honor etc.

Jona Dayton
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As the death of the principal puts it out of the power of the widow and the heirs to be as accurate in their vouchers or their proofs otherwise would be necessary, you will doubtless consider their situation and make every proper allowance. Jonathan Dayton.
My dear Sir,

This note probably be mailed you by Mrs. De Graville widow of Mr. De Graville, a gentleman who conducted my young boy's education in the school of this county — was influential in starting my early interest in the cause of the county — was influential in promoting it, and as I understand, an object in promoting it, and as I understand, an object in promoting it, I think she may, in her own concern for the county, have a strong claim upon the county. She may have a particular claim upon the county, and the claim of her concern for the county, and the claim of her concern for the county, and the claim of her concern for the county. I ask to have you favorably accept my offices.

P.S. My dear Sir,

J. B. Clay

Jan. 19, 1797

John de Graville

Dec. 5, 1786
This will probably be handed you by Madame De Neuville widow of Mr. De Neuville of Holland, a Gentleman who embarked very zealously and very early in the cause of this country—was instrumental in promoting it and as I understand an object of persecution in consequence of it, which was a link in the chain of his pecuniary ruin.

I think his widow has a strong claim upon the kindness of our country as far as general considerations will admit relief—and she has a particular claim upon every body’s good will, that of being a distressed & amiable woman. I ask for her your patronage & good offices. Adieu My Dr Friend

Yrs. Truly—A. Hamilton, Jan. 19, 1797
The Hon. Jno. a Dayton,
Elizabeth Town,
New York.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, relative to the claims of Samuel White, in answer whereunto I am commanded to inform you, that as regards the fencing of the premises mentioned in the following particulars:

There is only the evidence of one person to prove the being known, the two required to the test of the testimony of the Governor or Surgeon — The affidavit of these gentlemen being wanting to prove the continuance of the disability, which of itself, and most of all, the evidence of leaving the premises — The same is returned to the District Judge of New York, according to a resolution of Congress, the state of his disability not being ascertained, or examination by physicians required.

As regards his pay, he appears on the muster roll in Capt. Artinney's company, 21 April 79, for the two months ending June 79, and left off the musters in Dec. 79. His return corresponds with the muster, after which I cannot trace his services. Should he account be found to be due to him, it would have been exhibited to the implementer allowed to a soldier serving to the end of the term had no application been made in the office, agreed to by the act of Congress of the 27th March, 92, as it now stands, he cannot receive anything, with the consent of the Senate in his behalf — submitted to the president of the Senate, And have the honor to be, respectfully,

P. Hargrave. 3d Lt.
I have the honor in the absence of the accountant to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst relating to the claim of Samuel Hull. In answer hereto I have to inform you that as regards his pension his evidences are incomplete in the following particulars:

There is only the evidence of one person to prove his being wounded, the law regarding two or the Commanding Officer or Surgeon;

The affidavits of three freeholders are wanting to prove the continuance of disability, means of support, and mode of life;

The evidence of leaving the service.

This missive is returned to the District Judge of New York agreeable to a resolve of Congress, the state of his disability not being ascertained; a reexamination by physician is required.

As regards his pay, he appears on the muster rolls in Capt. Rosenkrantz’s company enlisted 21 April 77 for the war. Promoted Sergeant June 78 and left off the musters in Dec 78.

So far his narrative corresponds with the musters after which I cannot trace his service. Should his account be found to be a true one he would have been entitled to all the emoluments allowed to soldiers serving to the end of the war had an application XXX in the office agreeably to the Act of Congress of this 27 March 92.

As it now stands he cannot receive anything without the interference of Congress in his behalf. Enclosed I return the affidavits of Thomson Stille

And have the honor to respectfully be, Peter Hagner
New York Octo 20th 1788

Sir,

There is an Edward Melan in this City who was formerly a Sergeant in Col. John Pattons Regiment, afterwards transferred to the General Guards and discharged from that Corps the 16th March 1782. This poor fellow has been long time afflicted with Rheumatic and other complaints which prevents him from procuring a livelihood. I have endeavored to get him on the pension list of this State but without effect. I have therefore to request you will oblige me in the information whether it is now possible for him to derive any benefit from the State of Penn to which he once belonged from whom he has received his education — while he was in service he was respected as a sober, orderly man. A good soldier. I wish something could be done for him as I am sure he deserves a compensation for the loss of health and the use of limbs in the Defence of his Country — I will particularly thank you for a line on this subject as early as possible.

John Nicholson Esquire

J. Howell
Sir: There is an Edward Whelan in this City who was formerly a Sergeant in Colonel John Patton’s Regiment, afterwards transferred to the General Guards and discharged from that Corps the 18 March 82. This poor fellow has been a long time afflicted with rheumatic and other complaints, which prevents him from procuring a livelihood.

I have endeavored to get him on the pension list of this State but without effect. I have therefore to request you will oblige me in the information whether it is now possible for him to receive any benefit from the State of Penn to which he once belonged and from whom he has received his depreciation.

While he was in service he was respected as a sober, orderly man and a good soldier. I wish something could be done for him as I conceive he deserved a compensation for the loss of health and the use of limbs in the defence of his country.

I will particularly thank you for a line on this subject as early as possible. Joseph Howell
Who is the author of this letter?

What is author asking for?

What is the nature of the request? What kinds of reasons does the author present to justify the request?

What do you find surprising or confusing about the request or the language the letter-writer uses?