

Office of Army Accounts

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Sir

In answer to your several queries contained in yours of 22 Instants to Mr. Pieu I have to inform you that Mr. Hodgson 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 Mr. Hodgson and the gentlemen of the Office immediately on their being produced - And further that I thought it my duty to detain those certificates until the arrival of Mr. Pieu who was then on his circuit thro' the Southern States, but being informed by Mr. Hodgson they were received of a person well known by him, and that no injury would arise to the United States by their being delivered to him, they were returned - As Mr. Pieu was absent when this transaction happened he has directed me to answer your letter to him.

Yours &c

J. Howell

Joseph Ward

Office of Army Accounts, New York

June 28<sup>th</sup> 1786

In answer to your several queries contained in yours of 22 instant to Mr. Pierce I have to inform you that Mr. Hodgdon brought several certificates of final settlements to this office, then at Philadelphia, to be examined by the original requiter to be counterfeit in all their contents, except the paper,

That they were examined by me in the presence of Mr. Hodgdon and the gentlemen of the affair immediately on their being produced—

And further that I thought it my duty to detain those certificates until the arrival of Mr. Pierce who was then on his circuit through the Northern states, but being informed by Mr. Hodgdon they were received by a person well known by him and that no injury to the United States would arise by their being delivered to him they were returned—

As Mr. Pierce was absent when this transaction happened he has directed me to answer your letter to him.

Yours, Joseph Howell