

War-department, Feb: 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

I am, Gentlemen,  
most respectfully,  
Yours very humble Servant  
Wm. Bagg. Junr.

Wm. William Shippen  
James Hutchinson

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I am, gentlemen, most respectfully, your most humble servant, John Stagg

Sir,

Friday Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> 88



M<sup>rs</sup> 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 acct<sup>s</sup> - 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 soldiery, & 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 & the heirs to be as accurate in their vouchers or their proofs as otherwise would be necessary, you will doubtless consider their situation & make every proper allowance.

I am Sir Your hum. serv<sup>t</sup>

Jona. Dayton

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My Dear Sir

This will probably be handed you by Mrs Le Beauville widow of Mr de Beauville of Litchfield 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 am for her your patron & good officer

Yours truly  
Edw. M<sup>r</sup> de Beauville  
Jan 19. 1797

J. W. Henry Esq

John de Beauville Esq  
No 51796  
(1797) (Mansfield Mass)  
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Yrs. Truly—A. Hamilton, Jan. 19, 1797

The Hon:  
Gen<sup>l</sup> Dayton;  
Elizabeth Town  
New York

Accountants Office,  
July 21 - 1796 -

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Sir

I have the honor in the absence  
of the Accountant, to acknowledge the rec<sup>d</sup> of your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup>  
Inst<sup>l</sup> relative to the claim of Samuel Hull. In answer  
thereto I have to inform you that as regards his pension, his  
evidences are incomplete in the following particulars viz<sup>t</sup> -

There is only the evidence of one person to prove his being  
wounded, the law requires two or the testimony of the Command<sup>g</sup>  
Officer or Surgeon - The affidavits of three freeholders are  
wanting to prove the continuance of disability, means of support,  
and mode of life - No evidence of leaving the service -

His name is returned to the District Judge of New York, agreeable  
to a resolve of Congress, the nature of his disability, not being  
ascertained; & a recommendation by physicians is required

As regards his pay, he appears on the Muster Rolls -  
in Capt<sup>s</sup> Rossier's Company enlisted 21 April 77 - for the war  
promoted Sergeant June 78 and left off the Musters in Dec<sup>r</sup>  
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 a Soldier serving to the end of  
the war, had an application been filed in the office agreeably  
to the Act of Congress of the 27 March 92 - as it now stands  
he cannot receive any thing, without the Interference of  
Congress in his behalf - Enclosed I return the State of  
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P<sup>r</sup> Haysier p<sup>r</sup> C<sup>l</sup>

I have the honor in the absence of the accountant to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> 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:

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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.

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And have the honor to respectfully be, Peter Hagner



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New York Octo<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1858

Sir

There is an Edward Whelan in this City who was formerly a Sergeant in Col<sup>d</sup> John Pattons Regiment, afterwards transferred to the General Guards and discharged from that Corps the 10<sup>th</sup> 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 derive any benefit from the State of Penn<sup>a</sup>. to which he once belonged & from whom he has received his Depreciation — 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 conceive 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 J.

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.

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**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?**