

Portland 1835

Sir

The enclosed claims are forwarded to be
allowed, the deed may be delivered Taber
Bradbury Esq who will make a selection
of the ^{who will deliver} lots for order of and deliver an
order from the applicants

Taber Bradbury

The deed may be delivered Taber Bradbury Esq
of the ^{Essex} ~~Essex~~ ^{Essex} ~~Essex~~
(Should not a more direct opportunity offered.)

Sewall Prescott Esq
Apr. 7, 1835.

Thos
S. Prescott
M.M.

Thos. Hunt Esq

Augusta

Recd of 20th 11 eqs. Given
to the school

St Albans April 7th 1836

Hon. H. J. Esq.

Dear Sir, I noticed in the last stage that you are authorized by the Land Agent, to examine the Claimers, of the Old Soldiers, respecting their claim to Land. Hon. Parker Uriah Hether Solomon Spencer and Mrs Rose all of which reside in the Town of Hartland, and I believe they are intitled to the land agreeable to the Act passed March 17th 1835, but are unable to attend at your office at Augusta, some of which have not been 20 rods from home for several years, all the above named persons have their certificates in the hands of Mr Vose, and I can see no impropriety in your furnishing the necessary papers and forwarding the same to me and I will see them executed, your views on the subject is expected.

Yours &c Samuel Percott

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Answered Apr. 11, 1835. & sent
blanks.

11/11/35

Cyra Dean Esq.
Apr. 15, 1835.



William Wourt Esq
Augusta.

Mr West

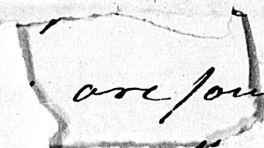
Biddford April 15 1835

Sir

Learning by a circular of the Land Agent, that you are appointed a commissioner to decide upon the claims of the non-commissioned officers and Soldiers, and their widows, and there being ^{several} in this vicinity, that have applied to me to assist them, in bringing their claims forward, I have thought it advisable to write you, for information, respecting the interpretation which you put upon the first section of the act, upon which their claims are founded. The act says - That each non-commissioned officer and soldier of the Revolutionary Army, who enlisted to serve during the war, or for a term not less than three years, and actually served not less than three years in said Army - - - upon that clause I should like to have an answer to the following question - Is it necessary, that those, that enlisted for during the war, should serve three years in order to be entitled to the land. Are none entitled to it except those who enlisted for three years and those who enlisted for during the war - Are not those, who served three years, under other enlistments, entitled to any thing -

I was in the Legislature when the Act or Resolve was
passed, and my understanding of it was, that those
who actually served three years, were entitled to it,
under what ever enlistments, and I hope those that
interpret the Resolve, will put as favourable constr-
uction, as it will admit of.

Very respectfully Yours &c



Arrived April 18, 1835.

Sent blanks.

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[Signature]

Mr. William Woart Junr.

*Augusta
Maine.*

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S. W.
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Received 17. 1835.

Apr 15. 1835.

Lawrence Ward Esq

Saco, April 15. 1835.

Mr. William Woart Jr.

Sir,

In the Notice of the Land Agent, published with the Resolve of the Legislature of the State of Maine passed at its last Session granting two hundred acres of land ^{each} to certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, it is stated "That the Agent will give Certificates agreeably to the provisions of said Resolve, to such as shall produce their declarations and other accompanying evidence sufficient to establish their claims &c. &c. I am calculating to act as Agent for sundry persons supposed to be entitled to the benefit of said Resolve, will you have the goodness to inform me what "other accompanying evidence" with the declarations, will be required, besides the Certificate of the Judge of Probate, in the case of widows, in order to establish the right of claimants.

Your answer, as soon as may be, will oblige,

Your Obedt. Servt.
Laureiston Ward

P.S. I open this to enquire if Mariners, who served in the Navy in the Revolution, are considered as Soldiers and entitled to the benefit of the Resolve?
L. W.

Amos W. Ward
Apr 17 1835

Amos W. Ward

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Amos W. Ward, Apr. 17, 1835.
Land agent with name rolls
of 1st 3 years men. But know
certain about 2d.
merineis not entered.



Wm. West Jr Esq
Am.
Augusta

S. W. Robinson Esq
Apr 19, 1835.

April 19, 1835 -

Dear Sir

A. B., a pensioner, dies leaving a widow. If living, he would have been entitled to land. Since his death, his widow has married C. D. Is she nevertheless entitled? I had some conversation with Col. Hedgdon about this point, but he had not then made up his mind.

In haste

Yours truly

J. W. Robinson

BANGOR
APR 2
J. M. West Esq
P. M. August
(M)

Col. J. H. Hodge
Apr. 20. 1835.

Land Office
Bangor April 20th 1875-

Sir,

I have had your letter and
the enclosed communication of Mr
Robinson under consideration. Your reply
was just such an one as you ought under
the circumstances of the case to have given.
I am disposed to give this resolve
a liberal construction, but shall feel
inclined, whenever there may be a divi-
sity of opinion upon any point, to take
the advice of the Gov. Council on the
Subject— Unless otherwise advised by them,
I shall decide, that three years service will
entitle the applicant to the benefits of the
Resolve, provided he enlisted for three
years or during the war, and I do

not consider it material whether the service
was before or after the time of enlistment.

To Mr. Wood Egan

Augusta

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Son

Wm. H. Hodgson

Pistol Mr
Apr 24th

Free

Arnold Blaney P.M.
Pistol Mr

William W. Hart Jr Esq

Augusta
Mr

Arnold Blaney Esq
Apr. 27, 1835

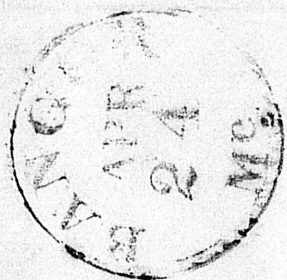
Bristol Apr 22^o 1835

Dr Sir

By a notice of the Land agent. I perceive
that you are appointed to receive declarations
& evidence of certain claimants under the resolve
of March 14th in favour of certain Officers & Soldiers of
the revolution. By the request of a Mr Lettice
of this town who comes within the provision of said
act I am to enquire if it is absolutely necessary
that he must come to Amherst or whether
he can not make his affidavit before a Justice
of the Peace here - should he be compelled in order
to get his land to go so far he must give it up
in consequence of his inability to perform such a
journey - will you please inform me how
he may proceed -

I am respectfully
Yr obt

Arnold Maney



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To William Wood Jr Esq
P. M. Augusta

Col. J. W. Rodgers,
Apr. 23, 1835.

Land Office.
Bangor April 23. 1873-

Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiring "whether
the widow of a Soldier, who has married again
since the death of her former husband,
is entitled to the benefit of the Resolue of
March 17. 1873", I can only say, that
after mature consideration, I am of opinion
that the Resolue should be so construed,
but shall in this as in other question-
able points, be guided by the advice of the
Gov & Council.

Very Respectfully
Yours obt-Ser

Wm H. Johnson

Thos. Clark Esq.

Paris

Apr. 24, 1835,

Paris. April 24th. 1835.

William Wirt Jun Esq.
Dear Sir,

Being agent for some of the pensioners claiming the benefit of the Act of the Legislature of March 17th. and believing it important that their declarations be made correctly, & with as much uniformity as the nature of their respective cases will admit; I shall esteem it a favor if you will forward to me a Blank form for their applications, if any have been printed at Augusta - or if you have none, to ask the favor of one from Mr Vose - It would ~~would~~ be very convenient for the information of those in this county to have the instructions of the Land Agent, published in the "Oxford Democrat", and at the request of some of them, I would suggest it to the Land Agent through you, to have it done at the expense of the State.

With much respect,

Your Obt Servt

Thomas Clark

Approved & authorized publication in Oxford Democrat.
I sent blanks. Apr. 25. 1835,

Paris April 28

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William Woart Jun. Esq.

Postmaster

Augusta

Mr. Clark Esq. (Paris)
Apr. 28. 1865.
Unrecd.

Paris. April 20th. 1835.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 25th. was duly received last mail & I am much obliged by your attention - the blanks received were however both of them intended for widows only - You will confer a further favor, if you will forward me one or more by Friday's mail applicable for Officers & Soldiers who are now living - And I am requested to enquire in what manner the lots are to be designated after the survey & location of the townships whether by lot or otherwise - Is other testimony necessary ~~other~~ ^{declaration &} than the oath of the applicant where they are now (or have been while living) on the Pension Roll of the United States? Is there now any way in which those entitled to the benefit of the Resolve can be prevented from selling their rights until they obtain their certificates or deeds? There are six cases come to my knowledge, where they have been grossly imposed upon by misrepresentations relative to the value of the lands, & have actually sold or agreed to sell at prices from forty dollars down to fifteen dollars each?

If any thing can be done by an order from the Land Agent or otherwise, I really wish it may be - otherwise the liberal and patriotic object of the Legislature will be frustrated in a great measure -

Yours obt. servt

Thomas Clark

William Woart Jun Esq. }
Augusta }
P. M. }



To William Woart Jun. Esq.
P. M. Augusta
Me,

Col. J. H. Rodgson,
Apr. 28. 1835.

Land Office.

Waukegan April 28. 1873.

Dear Sir,

I find by your letter that this bounty business is no less perplexing to you than to myself, but with patience & perseverance we shall, I trust, in time, get it reduced to a system. You may for want me four blank certificates - I will write sign them and return them to you, and in urgent cases like the one you mention presented by Mr. Everett, if they make out their case & file a declaration to your satisfaction, you may fill a certificate and file it away in your office. Upon the reception of the copies of rolls if it is found to correspond with the facts, it will be delivered to the individual holding a power of attorney to receive it. This will supersede the immediate necessity of the copies - They will however be procured

in a short time - A clerk has been at work
upon them more than two weeks. The copies, how-
ever, in the Proclamations Office, do not em-
brace the last three years enlistments in 1780.

There will be procured from Washington as
soon as possible. When it is in my power I
would go to Boston & Washington immediately,
but my presence at this Office, is, just-
now indispensable.

Y^r Obedt Serv^t
Augustus

Very respectfully
Y^r Obedt Serv^t

Thos. Mifflin