

Fayetteville

18<sup>th</sup> Decr 1795

Dear Saml

I rec'd a y<sup>r</sup> letter <sup>two</sup> weeks ago - which is the first I  
I know you - since I left Virginia  
have received a power of att<sup>y</sup> - You  
a the as you ought to have  
also sent you two resolutions under  
which, offic<sup>y</sup> & soldiers that serve to the  
aid of the poor claim, under as  
well as all the range offic<sup>y</sup> <sup>should</sup>  
have sent you the money promised  
if I could have obtain'd bank notes  
the law officers you say are not to be  
sent, have sent by Mr. Gross for some  
to Philadelphia when they come will  
send them to you the law officers

Money here was more scarce than at  
 present as I have been selling some  
 of mine for several weeks to which  
 please send some more back - have  
 also ~~sent~~ to request the fav<sup>r</sup> of you  
 write frequently in case I  
 may hear of my dear children  
 I want to know if I can write to  
 what is the reason they have not  
 wrote to me, make my love to  
 them with a wish that they  
 may say that Mother does not go  
 to school I should be glad to have  
 him with Patrick and can come  
 for him - am in a hurry so in  
 with love to you all

G<sup>d</sup> Mother & Mary  
 The Children

Sam. Oyster

The Resolution of Congress 16th September 1776  
 Resolved that Congress make provision for  
 granting Lands in the following proportions to Officers & Soldiers  
 who shall engage in the Service and continue therein  
 till the close of the War, or until discharged by Congress  
 And the Representatives of such Officers & Soldiers as shall  
 be slain by the Enemy. Col<sup>o</sup> 500 Lt Col<sup>o</sup> 450 Cap<sup>t</sup> 300  
 Lt 200 Ensign 150 & other Officers and  
 Privates 100 Acres

Resolution of Congress 3rd October 1780  
 Whereas by sundry Resolutions of Amendment, and  
 various Officers must become supernumerary and  
 it is proper that regard should be had to them  
 Resolved that from the time the reform of the  
 Army takes place, they be entitled to half pay  
 for seven years in specie, or other current money  
 equivalent, and also to Grants of Land at the  
 close of the War, agreeably to the Resolution of the  
 16th of September 1776

Agrestium M. 21 deer

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Petersburg Va

Samuel Preston Esq

Collector of Revenue

Virginia  
Virginia

567.10

60

627.70

102.10

120

7490

30

325

100

27

240

153

180

180

18th August 1801  
Wm. V. Pender

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