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Dear Sir,

Your letters of the 5th & 7th instants were received by the mail of the 15th. The information they give is very acceptable and I shall hasten to look up the evidence which by the report of the Committee is made a fine year in the business. One of the many evils resulting from the great procrastination of justice to the mass of the revolution, is the difficulty produced by it, in obtaining this indispensable evidence. How few of those are now living who twenty years ago, could have said with great certainty that A, B & C et cetera were in service when the war ended? Were I called upon, as perhaps, I may be, to establish the claims of some old Comrade, I cannot at this moment recollect a single one, of the period of whose service, I could speak confidently. I know for instance, that Col. A. Ogden was in service in March '83 but whether he continued in it till the end of the war, I could not tell. The same difficulty may exist in my own case & probably will. It is possible however that my papers may enable me to supply this defect of living testimony. Among other evidences of this kind, there is among the laws of Pennsylvania one which adopts me into the line of that State and extends to me such benefits as attached to her staff and regimental officers ^{serving throughout the war,} again. I am one of those ^{now} receiving \$600 per An. in compensation for revolutionary services. This grant must have been made on evidence of my having performed that service, and this I do not recollect its form, must have a place among the records of the War Office. Let me have your opinion on these suggestions. In the mean time as stated above, I shall collect what other evidence I can & send it on ^{to} you with a little delay as possible & with a power to act for me on the terms you mention with which I am entirely contented.

With great respect I am dear Sir,

Your obed. servant

John Armstrong.

Henry M. Mosfit Esq. Washington.

No 120. A. A.

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Red Hook N. Y.
Feb 19th 1834

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