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In Council

Philadelphia June 11th 1783

Sir

In compliance with your request by letter on the twenty fourth of last Month, Council will now give their opinion on the questions proposed.

As to the first - The General Assembly having by an Act for the settlement of publick accounts passed the day before the law mentioned by you, vested full powers in a Commissioner for liquidating and settling in specie value all certificates given for supplies by publick Officers to Individuals and other claims against The United States of America by Individuals for supplies furnished to the Army, the transportation thereof, and contingent expences thereon within this state.

We apprehend, that the certificates alluded to, should be thus liquidated and settled by the said Commissioner, before they are presented to you for payment of a years Interest.

As to the second - We think, that the persons claiming payment of Interest under the Act, should give the necessary proof of these Facts - First, - that the certificates were originally issued from the Loan Office of this state to persons who then were, or since became Citizens of this state, or were given or granted for articles furnished or services done and performed by persons who then were citizens of this state. - Secondly - that the persons claiming, are now "actually resident within the same"

By "necessary proof" may reasonably be understood, such proof as in your Judgment is satisfactory evidence of truth.

Thomas Smith Esquire
Loan Officer

Your

You will call for every voucher and document
that can assist you to make a determination,
and which can be obtained. If doubts remain
the claimant must produce if he can suffici-
ent testimony to remove ^{them} or fail in his demand.

As to the Third - It seems to us, that
the Interest on the certificates therein refer-
red to should be computed according to the
Depreciation.

I am with great respect

Wth

your most obed^t Serv^t

Wm Dickinson

Thomas Smith Esquire

Loan Office St.

Presents

Letter of Council
dated June 14th 1783