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Carleton 7<sup>th</sup> July 1815

The Honorable

A. S. Dallas acting Secretary of War

Sir

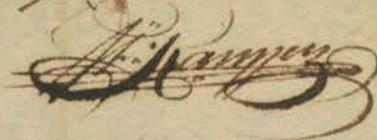
In the month of February last when  
at Washington I made an arrangement with Mr Brent the pay  
Master Genl to have the volunteers from this state on the  
Magary frontier under Genl Brown paid as soon as possible  
and to facilitate the payment I proposed to Mr Brent that two  
or three Gentlemen here would pay them out of their private  
funds in case he would advance it on the proper receipt  
rolls being produced: and as a sure cautionary measure  
I was to send on the Muster rolls for his Mr Brent's inspection  
so that he might approve of them so that we might  
rightly pay: which Muster rolls was accordingly sent  
on about the 1<sup>st</sup> of March to Mr Brent: altho I have again  
& again written to Mr Brent I neither can get an  
answer: nor can I get the Muster rolls returned to  
return them to the Captains again: which is something  
very extraordinary; we were very anxious that those men  
who so nobly behaved themselves at Chippaway  
Bridgewater & Fort Erie should be early rewarded for  
their noble conduct: they were all members of the Revolution  
and the Citizens here who were <sup>also</sup> friends continued to tell



on your Draft and will still do, as they have in  
every instance they could give every aid & support in  
the power of the constitution to Government

As I cannot extract one syllable from Mr B's sentiment  
I wish you would have the goodness to request Mr B's sentiment  
to return to me the Miltrolls sent on to him belong-  
ing to Col Fenton's Regiment so that I may return them  
to the Col's again - ~~From my friend~~ ~~of the~~  
Political Affairs of this part of the State in the present  
situation to have those Brave volunteers paid I have  
rather got myself in a very unpleasant situation  
The Col's are now calling on me for the Miltrolls  
& I have been sending to the Paymaster, <sup>General</sup> to return them  
together with a number of the Men calling on me for  
their pay as they had heard I was authorized to pay

Your most obedient and  
Very humble Servant



William Ramsey

\* 180 Miles from Carlisle

Benicia 7<sup>th</sup> July 1815.

Dear Remondy

relating to the Day of  
the books etc in the  
service of S. from  
P. some or others they will  
be soon paid off - &c

Washington

Dear Sir

1. Dollar Specie

The Hon

July 1815

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July 7 RAMSEY, WILLIAM

To A. J. Dallas, Secretary of War:

Sir

In the month of February last when at Washington I made an arrangement with Mr. Brent the pay Master Genl to have the volunteers from this state on the Niagary Frontier under Genl Brown paid as soon as possible and to facilitate the payment I proposed to Mr. Brent that two or three Gentlemen here would pay them out of their private funds in case he would advance it on the proper receipt rolls being produced: and as a precautionary measure I was to send on the Muster rolls for Mr. Brents inspection so that he might approve of them so that we might rightly pay: which muster rolls were accordingly sent on about the 1st of March to Mr. Brent: altho I have again & again written to Mr. Brent I neither can get an answer: nor can I get the muster rolls returned to return them to the captains again: which is something very extraordinary; we were very anxious that those men who most nobly behaved themselves at Chippaway, Bridgewater & Fort Erie should be early rewarded for their noble conduct: they were all Friends of the Administration and the citizens here who were also friends continued to tell them that they would get every farthing that was due them and to have a little patience (whiles some jeered them by telling them what have you got by going into Cannada & c.. endeavoring to poison their minds against the Administration: A capt. Swift came on here some time ago to pay the regulars: he as I am informed told Capt Hindle that he was authorized to pay Col Fentons Regiment but on some further conversation he told Capt Hindle that he could not for want of funds:- now as you will see by the inclosed paper a paymaster at Pittsburgh<sup>x</sup> gives notice he will pay: but when is the question: has those paymasters got the Public money into their hands and what are they doing with

I am as well as all the Republicans of this County desirous that Col Fentons Regiment should be first paid when in fact they will be the last: whether there has been any indirect conduct made use of to prevent those men from receiving their pay for the express purpose to destroy the Republican cause in this part of the state or not is not for me to say: but the fact is so: 5 or 600 of those noble men distributed through the Heart of Pennsylvania after knowing they had done their duty to see every poltroon who stoped at the Line paid before them is mortifying I am sure and will of course sour their Minds.

I wrote you some time ago that in case the Government wanted funds hire that the Pennsylvania Agricultural and Manufacturing Bank here would at any time advance a reasonable sum on your draft and will still do so as they have in every instance give every aid & sustenance in the power of the institution to Government.

As I cannot extract one syllable from Mr. Brent I wish you would have the goodness to request Mr. Brent to return to me the Muster rolls I sent on to him belonging to Col Fentons Regiment to that I may return them to the Capt again - From my zeal the Political affairs of this part of the State in the present situation & to have those Brave volunteers I have rather got myself in a very unpleasant situation The capts are now calling on me for the Muster rolls & I have been writing to the Paymaster Genl to return them Together with a number of the men calling on me for their pay as they had heard I was authorised to pay.

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