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That they wanted get every forthing that were and them and to have a Little Fratiene ( whetis some june them of tetting them what have your get by going with Canneida de de indervourget horson the Minis ogame the Formentrolion: I copt dougt come on here some time byo to hay The regulars he assam informed Toto Cate findle that he was authorised to hay colorestors Pagement but on Some fearther conversation to tole could that the could Hot for want of gunds - Mow or your were du by the melonis hapir a paymente at Petts burger going rotus he seen hay but when is the gunton has those haymenters gothe Public money with their hand and whol one they doingnath I am as were as all the Republicans of County descrows that that Conton Regenent Nours be find have when enfaulthy will be the Last: whother their has been any indirect conduct made une of prevent those men from receive them hay for the ripres, purhose ho distroy the depublican canso in this have the thole or not is not forme to vay but the fast is vo: 15600 of these noble men outrobutes through the Heart of Permistrama offer Kracing they had some Therent he every hottroon who Nother at the dine have before Them is mortifying I arguin and will of course your thin Mind Just your some time you that in care the Government would fine him that the Permyloone of greenthand and Manufaction town him here would be only time abronic a reasonable of

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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 meansure 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 &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 X 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 will 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 thire 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.

Your most obedt and very hum svt

Wm Ramsay

X 180 miles from Carlisle

Gift of Boyd Lee Spahr, 1965.