

Honorable & Dear Sir.

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Permit me a poor invalade: who has ever bin faithful to the publick intrest, to thus address our Friend The President of the United States of America. My fathers family wher personally known, to the Hon.^d Elias Budenot late President of Congress. My father had bin chosen Mayor of the Borough of Elizth for several years. He was Judge of the County: And Master in Chancery till his Deceas, just before Gen.^l Bradiok defeat, I was with Col.^l Jac^s Smith at Elizth Town. And the 1st Reg^t of Essex Militia mustred. We raised a Battallion of 500 men, in 2 or 3 hours marched off the same day within miles of New York, when the Brittish fleet came up to the watering place ^{at} Staten Island in 1776. And in Dec^r 16 with Gen.^l Willcamson: at the great Retreat in New Jersey State. My family difficulted, such bad carting: That much of my furnature provision, cloathing, & book of Acc^t were plundered, & almost every pair of glass broke in my house. And when the Greens came over from Staten Island the next year they stole a Mare I was offered £19 for. I was only Sgt^t major at that time. I saw many of the Officers faild. But I strove to keep the men together. For those services I receivd the 9 Dols. & mo^e in Continental money. But the inclosed will inform Dear Sir. of my situation: With Respects & And^o Rops
Crosby street New York March 22. 1808

To the Honorable the Representatives of the
United States.

The purport of this Address is to state a claim I feel myself entitled to make on the United States. leaving to their representatives in congress to decide on its worth and its merits.

The case is as follows.

Toward the latter end of Oct^r 1777 I had the Offer, & warrant to go with Gen.^l W^m Wines, as an A. S. D. 2. Master Gen^l. a tower of 2 months duty to New Winsor. But as Col^l Spencer was destitute, of a Quarter Master: & had wrote for me, I went down to him, at wite Marsh in Pensylvania. And I told him, if my health & strength would admit, I would stand by him in that line: during the contest between Great Brittain & America. I did duty till unable, at the wet camp and cold hill at wite marsh. Col^l Spencer gave me a permit & pass to go home: & to return, as soon as my health would admit. And before I got well of the intermitting fever and the third ague. There was a new arrangement: The Quarter Masters where struck off: And they took one of the line to do that duty. For this service I never got a cent. And never have bin so well since.

My Apprentice boy, as soon as old enough was called out in
drafts to do duty in the Militia, till 21. and once I paid 24 Dol.
his quota for a substitute for the main armia. And 3 months
the best of his time ^{he was} with the Continental troops, for which
I received no wages, neither did he to my knowledge or belief.
The pay Master of the Militia, M^r. Clark died insolvent & was
buried 12 Clock at night. Gentlemen, I have 2 Sons
Viz. Matthias Ross & Benjⁿ Lyon Ross each of them having
families living on rented land at Lebanon Ohio State.

They tel me there is publick Lands to be disposed off there
Dear Sirs, If you will please to give them some land
so as to make each of them a little farm. I believe they
will make a good use of it. And they will ever be your
friends. My son Benjamin the 2^d. of Jan^y. last was burnt

out. The house catcht fire by accident near the chimney about
1 Clock at night, no one came to assist them. The snapping
of the clabboards on the roof: & the smoak of 50 Bushels of corn
in the loft awoke them, they had just time to take the bed
and the 2 children out, & a few things & the fire falling down,
and in a few minutes the house was all in a flame.

I pittty him for 13 years past I was burnt out at short creek
Virginia. my house catch fire. when my family was gone
to church: burnt down & nothing saved. Whatever is
given will be gratefully acknowledged and thankfully received.

That you may all prosper under God, your petitioner is
ever bound to pray.

Andrew Ross
Crosby street. New York march 22. 1808