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To Saml. DeWitt Esq. of Philadelphia

Alexander Parruchisee called on me this morning after the arrival of the post with a letter from you respecting two powers of attorney to obtain Deeds on from the Secretarys office for lands due to David Sutton & Isaker Sicut for lands due them by the Command of Power for their services as Soldiers in the late Penn. line of the army. These powers were given me in special trust, & for the use of Alexander Parruchisee of Pittsburg, which powers I left in the Secretarys Office. And I hereby authorize & empower you to do such thing or things in the premises as may be necessary to obtain Deeds agreeable to the said Powers by signing my name or any other Act or Acts that may be needful & proper in the execution of the said provisions - I'm willing when I have herunto set my hand & seal at Philadelphia

20. Jan'y 1797.

Witness present
Jacob G. Swift
Jas. John DeWitt

John Barker



Allegheny County Pa.

The above done & acknowledged before

me one of the associate Judges in the said County

20. Jan'y 1797 - Witness my hand & seal -

M. G. Wilson



Alexander J. Dallas Esquire!

Donation Land

~~my grants of Military Lands~~
~~been committed in the office~~
~~that many funds have~~
~~Department of the War~~
~~accountant of the War~~
19th Nov 1797
J. M. Williams
Thomas

Department of War
Alexander J. Dallas Esq.
May 19. 1797

A few lines of paper have been taken to have
been out of the Secretarys office upon John Barrings of attorney furnished
as a copy of that and returned in manner a considerable number of
land warrants to the Genl. the United States to Secretarys office and
others belonging to the Dept of Army Lands for their services
during the late war, which is likely to operate very much to the injury
of our Revenue & our Property of the public. I have thought it proper
to inform you of this information by your Sir, understanding that the State
of Pennsylvania has by some legislation not restricted the issuing
of lands to the full extent of the laws of the State, and that some
are held in the State office, purchased on the merits of the former
papers & bills, & others have been obtained privately by purchase
The United States having command writs against a number of the
conspirators and by the suggestion of some I have been much surpris'd
not could not prevent an attack the powers were forged by a bill
and was held to that in a great measure the funds, and are very
willing to communicate it to the State office to prevent the
conspiration.