

Sir,

N^o 4
High Street N^o 226
May 2^d 1797

A considerable time has elapsed, since my first application for patents to the Donation Lands conveyed to me by Christian Hubbert, I trust your Goodness will readily pardon me if I now manifest more than ordinary solicitude upon that score. I am so apt to leave town, and find by experience, much delay (in the different departments) attends effectuating these Claims, whereas the Loss of a single day may operate some injury to me.

Yesterday, hearing at your Office that you was engaged in moving, I omitted pressing the subject till to day. But Mr. Trimble now informs me you are not expected there unless some special Business require it.

Thus I have been induced, to take the Liberty of applying in this way, and flatter myself Sir, you will consider that my Business is in a situation to claim your prompt attention, and that you will be pleased to give requisite orders for the immediate Issue of patents in such of my claims as are not barred by legal impediments.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully,
Sir,

Your ob^d humble Serv^t

Alexander J. Dallas Esq^r?
Secretary of Pennsylvania

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Dear Sir,

Upon the application of Mr. Woodhead, to Claims of Donation Lands transferred by Christian Hubbert I advise you not to proceed in making out Patents until I shall have further opportunity of consulting with Mr. Summons of the War Office who tells me he believes this is a part of a conspiracy of which he has been a means of detecting sundry persons.

I am, Dear Sir,

Y^r J. Ingersoll

1797. May 7th
A. J. Dallas Esq^r.

A true Copy of the Original
James Trimble
Secy Office Deputy Secy
Philad^a May 8th 1797

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Department of War

Accountants Office

May 12th 1797

Sir,

A Combination of Persons have from time to time deav'd out of the War Office upon false powers of Attorney fabricated in a very artful and villainous manner a considerable number of Land Warrants due from the United States to sundry Officers and Soldiers belonging to the quota of Pennsylvania for their services during the late War, which is likely to operate very much to the injury of just Claimants, and prejudice of the public.

I have thought proper to promulge this information to you, Sir, understanding that the State of Pennsylvania has by some legislative Act extended the issuing of Lands to the late Soldiers of the Line of the State, and that Claims are filed in the State Offices predicated on the Evidence of like powers upon which Settlements have been obtained from this Department.

The United States having commenced Suits against a number of the forgers, and by the confession of some I have been made acquainted with the manner in which the powers were forged, by which I am enabled in a great measure to detect the frauds, and am very willing to communicate it to the State Offices, to prevent the impostures to the State.

I am, Sir

Your most ob^d Serv^t

Alexander J. Dallas Esq^r

William Simmon
Act^t

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To the Secretary, Surveyor General and Receiver General
of the Land Office of Pennsylvania

Gentlemen,

I have received the inclosed communication from the War Office respecting the forgeries that have been committed to procure Soldiers Rights to Lands — In conversation with Mr. Simmons, he mentioned, that the discharges of Soldiers were often counterfeited, as well as Letters of Attorney. The Governor has therefore thought it proper to suspend the issuing any Lands for Donation Lands, till perfect satisfaction can be obtained of the validity of the Claims, and as of the transfers. — In the mean time Mr. Simmons will furnish any information that you may wish to guide your enquiries on this Subject.

I am, respectfully,

Gentlemen

Your ob^d M^t Serv^t

A. J. Dallas Sec^y

Sec. Off. Philad^a
10 May 1797

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