

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware, in General Assembly Met, That the Governor, he and he is hereby Authorized and required to Appoint an Agent on behalf of this State to proceed to the City of Washington with all the original Accounts, Receipts and other Vouchers and papers necessary to enable him to have liquidated and settled at the War Department the claim of this State against the United States for Military expenditures made by this State ~~and~~ in Support of and in Consequence of the late War.

Resolved further, That the Agent to be appointed as aforesaid he and he is hereby Authorized to Receive the sum due this State as aforesaid, and to pay the same to the State Treasurer for the use of this State.

Resolved further, That the Secretary of State furnish the Agent to be appointed as aforesaid, with a Copy of the foregoing Resolutions.

In Senate 29 Jan 1818.

Insert the following as the ~~third~~ <sup>resolutions</sup>  
Resolved That the Governor be and he is hereby authorised and  
impowered to draw an order or orders on the State  
Treasurer in favour of the said agent for such sum or  
sums of money as may in his opinion be sufficient  
to enable the said agent to proceed in the settlement  
of the said claims; to be paid out of any money  
in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated. Provided  
the same shall not exceed in the whole the sum  
of Five Hundred dollars.

Extract from the Journal  
Cresley Allee Clerk

# Resolution

authorising the Govern-  
our to appoint an a-  
gent to attend at Wash-  
ington to the settlement  
of this States' claim agt.  
the U. S.

House of Rep.

22 Jan. 1818 read

23 ————— read &

adapted.

Sent for 3 A. S. Hayes &  
concurr 3

In Senate 23 Jan. 1818 read

29 read and con-  
curred in with an  
amendment.

P. Allen Clk

House of Rep.

30 January 1818 amend-  
ments agreed to.

A. S. Hayes

Chapter 247, Volume 4, Laws of Delaware.

Act passed February 1, 1813.

An Act providing for the payment of an instalment to become due on the fourth of May next, on the stock held by this State, in the Farmers' Bank of the State of Delaware.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware, in General Assembly met, That the State Treasurer shall on the fourth day of May next, pay out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated such sum of money as may be necessary to discharge the instalment then becoming due on the shares held by the State in the stock of the Farmers' Bank of the State of Delaware.

Sect. 2. And be it enacted, That the trustee of the fund for establishing schools, shall in like manner, at the day aforesaid, pay out of any money belonging to the said fund, such sum as may be necessary to discharge the instalment then becoming due on the shares held by the said trustee, in the stock of the said banks.

Sect. 3. And be it enacted, That the said trustee, at the day aforesaid, shall transfer to the State treasurer, for the use of the State, at the then market price, so many shares of the stock of the said bank, as with the money belonging to the said fund at that time, will be sufficient to discharge the instalments then due on the stock then held by him in the said bank; and the said state treasurer is hereby authorized and required to receive the said transfer, and to pay the money therefor, to the said trustee.

Act passed April 15, 1813.

An Act providing for the general defence of the State of Delaware.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware, in General Assembly met, That the sum of fifteen thousand dollars in addition to the sum remaining in the treasury unexpended of the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, appropriated by the second section of the Act of the General Assembly, entitled "An act to enable the governor to make a detachment of the militia and for other purposes," be and the same is hereby appropriated for defraying the expenses (including pay to the officers, non-commissioned officers and privates) which have been incurred, or which shall hereafter be incurred in defending the State of Delaware against the common enemy of the United States.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the state treasurer be authorized to borrow from one or more of the banks of this State, at the usual rate of bank discount, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, or any part thereof as exigencies may in the opinion of the governor require.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the state treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to sell the stock of this State, in the Philadelphia Bank, for the best price he can obtain.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That the state treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay over the

aforesaid sum of twenty thousand dollars, to the governor or his order, from time to time as the said sum or any part thereof may be required; except so much as is otherwise appropriated by the sixth section of this act; and that the governor at the next session of the General Assembly, exhibit an account, shewing what sums have been drawn from said treasurer, and the manner and purposes in, and to which the same have been applied.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That the faith of this State shall be, and the same is hereby solemnly pledged for the payment of the interest upon the said loan as it shall accrue; and for the annual reimbursement of one eighth of the principal borrowed, both of which shall be made by the state treasurer, out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That Andrew Barratt, Edward Dingle, junior, and James R. Black, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners on the part of the State, to liquidate and settle the accounts of all persons having demands against the State for articles which have been furnished, and for services rendered under the orders of the governor, for the defence of the same; and that the said Andrew Barratt, Edward Dingle, jun., and James R. Black, or any two of them, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to pass such accounts, and that the said accounts when certified by the said commissioners or any two of them, shall be paid and satisfied by the state treasurer, out of any monies in the state treasury, which shall be raised by the provisions of this act.

Sec. 7. And be it enacted, That the governor shall

thereof may be required; except so much as is otherwise appropriated by the sixth section of this act; and that the governor at the next session of the General Assembly, exhibit an account, shewing what sums have been drawn from said treasurer, and the manner and purposes in, and to which the same have been applied.

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Sec. 7. And be it enacted, That the governor shall cause to be laid before the said commissioners returns in

proper columns and form, setting forth the names, officers, days service, pay, rations and forage, with individual and aggregate estimates carried out, and noting the cases where rations and forage are due, and where they have not been received by those entitled to them.

Sec. 8. And be it enacted, That each of the said commissioners while employed in the service assigned them by this act, shall receive three dollars per day, their services to be certified, and drawn out of the treasury by order of the governor under this act; and that in case of the refusal, neglect, or inability to serve of any of the said commissioners, the places of such are thereby rendered vacant, shall be supplies by an appointment by the governor, until the next session thereafter of the General Assembly.

Sec. 9. And be it enacted, That the state treasurer shall receive in compensation of the services enjoined upon him by this act, one-fourth of one per centum on all the money received by him under this act.

Sec. 10. And be it enacted, That the governor be and he is hereby authorized to apply so much of the money as is by this act appropriated, as he shall deem to be necessary, for printing his general orders, to the officers of the militia of the State.

Act passed May 23, 1812.

An Act to enable the governor to make a detachment of the militia, and for other purposes.

Section 1. Governor empowered to take effectual measures for drafting this States proportion of militia required pursuant to an Act of Congress.

Section 2. Governor empowered to ascertain arms and equipments &c., and to make contract for purchase of arms. Provided however, That the said contracts may be immediately fulfilled by the governor, on the part of this State, without a submission of them to the General Assembly, if before the next session thereof, war should ensue between the United States and any European nation: and in that event, the treasurer is hereby authorized, empowered and required to obtain upon loan, from any of the banks of this State, any sum not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars, provided the same can be had at a rate not exceeding the usual bank discount allowed by law; and if a sum, sufficient with the money in the treasury unappropriated, to raise the said twenty-five thousand dollars, cannot be obtained upon loan, then the said treasurer shall dispose of so much of any of the funds of this State, not otherwise appropriated, as may be sufficient, with the money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to raise the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars; that the governor, in the event aforesaid, be authorized to draw from the treasury the said sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, for the purposes aforesaid; and that the said treasurer shall submit to the next General Assembly, his proceedings under this law, by whom the compensation for his services shall be established.

Chapter 25, Volume 5, Laws of Delaware.

Act passed February 15, 1814.

An Act to provide for the payment of certain instalments to become due on the stock held by this State in the Farmers' Bank of the State of Delaware.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware, in General Assembly met, That the State treasurer shall on the first Wednesday in the month of April next, and on the first Wednesday in the month of July next, pay out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sum of money as may be necessary to discharge the instalments then becoming due on the shares held by the State, in the stock of the Farmers' Bank of the State of Delaware.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That the trustee of the fund for establishing schools, shall in like manner, at the days aforesaid, pay out of any money belonging to the said fund such sums as may be necessary to discharge the instalments then becoming due on the shares held by the said trustee in the stock of the said bank.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That the said trustee at the days aforesaid, shall transfer to the State treasurer for the use of the State at the then market price, so many shares of the stock of the said bank as with the money belonging to the said fund at those times, will be sufficient to discharge the instalments then due on the stock, then held by him in the said bank; and the said State treasurer is hereby authorized and required to receive the said transfer and to pay the money therefor to the said trustee.

Sec. 4. And be it enacted, That the State treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to borrow from one or more of the banks in this State, at the usual rate of bank discount, the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, or such part of that sum as may be necessary to pay the said instalments; and that the faith of the State is hereby pledged for the payment of the interest of the said loan as it shall accrue; and for the annual reimbursement of one-eighth of the principal sum borrowed.

(copy)

Dover 17. Oct. 1818.

Sir,

In pursuance of my appointment by you under the resolution of the General Assembly of the 30<sup>th</sup> of January 1818, I proceeded to the city of Washington last week with all the original accounts, receipts and other vouchers and papers necessary to enable me to have liquidated and settled at the War department, the claim of this State against the United States for military expenditures made by this State in support of, and in consequence of the late war. The examination and settlement of our account having been referred by the Secretary of War to Peter Hauger esquire, 3<sup>rd</sup> auditor, I filed in his office on the 12<sup>th</sup> inst. two statements of the amount of our claim, one of which, marked **B.**, contained the allowances made by the second set of Commissioners, amounting to \$8,505  $\frac{25\frac{1}{2}}{100}$ , and the other marked **A.** contained the allowances made by the first set of Commissioners and a special act of assembly, amounting to \$29,480  $\frac{69}{100}$ , making together \$37,985  $\frac{94\frac{1}{2}}{100}$ . I also filed all of the vouchers that had come to my hands, which in any manner supported the different items of our claim.

Finding it impossible to procure an immediate examination and settlement of our account, I made an application to the Secretary of War for an advance on it and succeeded in getting a warrant  
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on the Treasury for Twenty five thousand dollars; for this warrant I obtained a check on the Bank of the United States at Philadelphia, which I this day endorsed and delivered to C. P. Comegys esquire, State Treasurer, as directed by the Second clause of the resolution of the General Assembly.

It is not probable that I shall be able to procure a final Settlement of our claim before the Spring, in consequence of the great pressure of business in the office of the 3rd Auditor.

I have the honor to be

Your Excellency's

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Gordon Brincklé  
Agent of the State of Delaware.

His Excellency

John Clark Esquire

Governor of the State of Delaware.

Copy of Mr. Brinckle's letter to the  
Governor

Immediately after the adjournment of the legislature in February last, I communicated to the Senators and Representatives of this State in congress, the information of my appointment as agent, and the object of it. In relation to the claim of interest to the payment of which it was necessary to obtain the sanction of an act of congress, Messrs Clayton and M. Lane wrote to me, that it was absolutely essential I should go to Washington for the purpose of making the proper explanation to the committee in either house to which the subject should be submitted. I accordingly proceeded to Washington, where I gave to the committee of claims the necessary information, and attended upon them until the bill was introduced in the Senate, a period of three weeks; I left Washington immediately after the bill had been reintroduced. I deemed it necessary to remain there until that event, for the purpose of giving any information the committee might require.

In the month of June, after the session of congress had terminated, for the purpose of making the necessary arrangements with the War department, I again went to Washington.

In November the agent of the War department

appointed to settle the account of arms, arrived in Wilmington,  
and we were engaged between three and four weeks in the  
investigation of the account he presented, in examining the  
arsenals at New Castle and Wilmington, and the different  
persons who acted in a military capacity, <sup>in Newcastle County</sup> during the late  
war; in which

I have additionally been engaged in an extensive  
correspondence, during the periods of my agency, in the  
settlement of the account of interest and of arms, with  
the officers of the general government, with the Secretary  
of this State, the State Treasurer, the Cashier of the Farmers  
Bank, and various other persons from whom I thought  
it necessary to seek information.

In conclusion I can state, that I have  
been during three months actively engaged in the trans-  
action of this business, and that my expenses have  
been very considerable -

I am Sir

Respectfully

W. P. Robison

Gen. J. Green

Jan. 12.

Certain explanatory  
statements to  
Gen. J. Green,  
by Mr. Brodson  
Relative to his  
Warrant Agency  
In Gen. Reed's  
Jan. 12.

The committee to whom was referred the Report of the agent for procuring a settlement of the claim of the State against the United States for money expended for purposes of defence during the late war with Great Britain, have had that subject under consideration, and they have to report -

That the expenses and trouble of the said agent in collecting and preparing the vouchers necessary to support the claim appear to have been very considerable, and that in their opinion the settlement which has been effected is entirely satisfactory. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution -

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware that Joshua Gordon Brunkle agent for procuring a settlement of the claim of this State against the United States be allowed to retain for his services the sum of five hundred dollars - out of the money received by him of the United States, and that he be authorized and directed to pay the balance thereof amounting to nine thousand and forty five dollars & seventy two cents to the State Treasurer

Enrolled  
Report of the committee  
on J. G. Brinckle's me-  
:morial -

House of Reps -

14. Jan'y - 1823 - Read

17. " " " Read 2<sup>nd</sup> time  
and adopted -

W. P. Probson  
clerk.

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17 Jan'y. 1823 Read and  
concurred in

Extract from the Journal

Willm<sup>m</sup> Huffington  
clerk

Wilmington Feb. 27. 1826 -

Sir,

By a resolution adopted by the legislature on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January last, appointing me the military agent of this State, the Secretary of State is directed to "furnish the said agent such papers or certified copies of all such papers, as may be found in his office, and which may be deemed useful and necessary &c."

If there be any papers in your office which, in your opinion, may be useful to me in the prosecution of the duties enjoined by the resolution to which I have referred, you will much oblige me by furnishing me either with the originals or the copies, as you may think proper. It is my intention to proceed to Washington in the course of the <sup>week</sup> ensuing, should I get the necessary documents in sufficient season to enable me to do so.

I will take the liberty of calling your attention particularly to the communications which have been received ~~from~~ different periods, from the War department, in relation

to the arms claimed by this State, under the act of Congress entitled "An act for arming and equipping the whole body of the militia of the United States;" which I presume are deposited in the office of State. These papers may be essential to me in the adjustment of that branch of the duty assigned to me; together with an official copy of the latest return made by the adjutant general of this State, of the militia.

As it will be necessary for me to exhibit some evidence of my appointment as agent, I will thank you to furnish me a copy of that branch of the resolution which embraces the appointment, and which, I presume, should be properly authenticated under the seal of the State.

Any other papers, which may be in your office, and which, in your opinion, may be useful, you will oblige me by furnishing me within the time mentioned.

I am Sir

very respectfully

Your obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

W. P. Probert

H. M. Ridgely Esqr

Secretary of State

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del? this, the by the U. S. and  
the act for arming the militia  
to from & Co -

Feb. & Mar. 1826



Done

Secretary of State

Henry M. Ridgely Esquire



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Wilmington March 5. 1826 -

Sir,

I beg leave to call your attention to a letter I addressed to you on the 27<sup>th</sup> ult: on the subject of the claim of this State against the general government for arms &c. - I am only waiting for the documents from Dover to proceed to Washington, and it is my anxious wish to go during the present week.

I am Sir

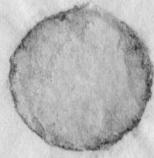
very respectfully

W. P. Brobson

H. M. Ridgely Esqr

Secy of State

W. P. Hobson - from -  
5 Mar. 1826



Down

Secretary of State

Henry M. Ridgely Esquire



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Wilmington Aug. 19. 1826 -

Sir,

It is intended by the War Department to send, in a short time, to this place, an agent for the purpose of adjusting the claim of this State upon the general government, relative to arms and military equipments. To enable me to act with a perfect understanding of this subject, it will probably be necessary for me to obtain from you the communications which have been made, from time to time, by the War Department to the Executive of this State, and which I presume are deposited in your office. Colonel Tomford refers to one communication, in particular, as important; namely, a letter addressed to Henry H. Wells Esq Secretary of State dated December 15. 1823. Should there be any documents in addition to those above mentioned, in your office, which in your opinion may be useful

to me, I will thank you to transmit them by the bearer,  
Mr William M Caulley. these documents shall be care  
fully preserved and restored to the office of State, when  
I have done with them.

I am Sir

very respectfully

Your obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

W. P. Brobson

H. M. Ridgeley Esqr

Secy of State

W. P. Weston - m

19 Aug. 1826



Henry M. Bridgely Esquire  
Secretary of State  
Down -

Sunday's office. Down. 22 August 1926

(Copy)

Sir:

Your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> inst. was handed to me last night. This morning I did very  
carefully search this office for the communications from the War Department, ~~but~~ <sup>that</sup> I can find  
none in reply to your letter I can do little more than refer you to my letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> of March <sup>last</sup>  
in which I informed you <sup>that</sup> ~~there is no communication from the War Department~~  
~~in relation to arms, etc. in this State and the sale of arms in this State~~  
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In addition however to what I have said in that letter I will refer you to the Jour-  
-nal of the Senate of this State of the 7<sup>th</sup> March 1824 - pages 44, 45, 46, 47 etc. - The articles  
deposited to this State in the account of the U.S. were to be found in pages 47 & 48 were all delivered  
to the militia while in the service of the United States and if I mistake not to officers conscripted  
by the U.S. and have come into the hands of the militia of this State - These articles, cannot  
properly be set off against the claims of this State for any service of arms -  
I feel very confident that this State has received from the U.S. ~~more~~ <sup>of its quota</sup>  
of arms more than the 720 stands mentioned in my letter to you of the 6<sup>th</sup> March.

In a letter from in this office from General Stockton dated "Wilmington July 15, 1818"  
he says ~~speaking~~ speaking of the arms that belong to this State, "there was 126 stands  
in the arsenal of this place, the collector of this port, was the director of the arsenal, and  
sent them to Philadelphia with the United States arms. he promises to have  
them returned" - whether these 126 stands were ever returned or not I cannot  
say, this office furnishes no evidence of it - you may get information on this point I presume  
from Wilmington - I do not suppose they ever have been returned -

~~Get the request of arms of this State taken out of the records of the Senate of 1824 for the~~  
~~of 1824 to 1825~~

W.P. Johnson Esq. Wilmington

(Copy)

J. M. Ridgely

Wilmington Sep. 26. 1826 -

Sir,

I am again obliged to trouble you on the subject of our claim against the United States.

The accounting officer of the general government requires, as a preliminary to the payment of our claim, "official copies of the authorities under which the loans contracted by this State were raised." These authorities, being the acts of assembly, I will thank you to have copied, properly authenticated, and transmitted to me as soon as your convenience will permit. There are, I believe, but two acts on the subject. The first, in Vol. 4. page 577 - entitled "An act to enable the governor to make a detachment of the militia, and for other purposes" - the second, in Vol. 5. page 7. entitled "An act providing for the general defence of the State of Delaware."

Very respectfully

W. P. Brobson

H. M. Ridgely Esquire

W. P. Brooks -

from 26 Sep. 1826

papers written for transmitted  
to Mrs. Brooks by the mail  
on the 5 Oct. 1826 -

Given

Secretary of State

Henry M. Ridgely Esquire

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