

To the honourable the Secy Secretary of the Treasury I am happy to hear
 of the appointment you have had heard that Colonel Clary
 was a private I never knew you were a private till Mr Joseph Morris
 came lately and brought his little family with him to New York
 my daughter & my self and he informed me of your appointment
 I am hopes that either of them be a private that you would be
 named as Secretary of the Navy in the United States I would wish
 before your honor you have several years showed your friend
 ship I had not mention any one in Kentucky but you have done
 when even I required it we have been a quarrel 30 years or more
 and our friend ship has ever remained pure and I hope will
 to the close of life I am gone in 30 years of age and I always had good
 health but a little year or so I was thro' off my horse and was for
 some time broke three of my ribs off I was a long time before
 I got well I was not able to do anything I began to think
 a little my Revolution services - I joined the Union of Revolution
 war 1775 - in the last of December in Maryland to serve nine months
 I was a private and another of mine was a private some time and
 and the British came to New York and parts of our Regiment was in
 and parts in Baltimore and hand Battle was sent in every direction
 for volunteers and our Regiment turned to a man that was fit to
 in much we had a private twelve hundred men in the Regiment and
 we were for New York I believe we a Regiment a private first
 August 1776 and the British army consisted of 14000 and
 I had 15000 to the 15th 2000 and on the evening of the 26 August
 we left New York and landed on Long Island and the next day
 August 27th Battle of Red Bank started command right wing & won the
 the fighting - My Captain was killed first Lieutenant was killed
 and that though he had two surgeons was killed one in front of me
 some time my Regiment was shot of my gun two Corporals killed
 all belonged to our company Captain was Daniel Barge from
 Annapolis General G. Smith your oldest Senator in Congress was
 with us that or fortune day - he remembered me the day of the Battle
 and give a certificate of that after some my Brother and a sister
 so on 60 of us was taken we had a pretty severe fight with the
 it was a draw Battle there was a good many on each side killed
 at a distance we did not know them - but we were favored
 by our guns and the cannon on the other and the horses broke the
 of our guns and the cannon and we had no of anything we had
 with our money and we went into the night and gave up
 and then drove the British from the Blue and the Red Bank

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Dear Sir
 I have sent papers two or three to Colonel Aaron Ogden - the last of them was
 your honor I had sent one paper and that is as Ego Joseph Smith when I can
 me home on funeral Mr Smith could to come and look it over from the Army
 and I said here at that time better than two or more I got him and went
 to Baltimore well I received a same letter that a letter with respect to
 be coming well I sent proof of a letter than I expect your honor will
 Hamilton read - if I did not think I would ever want
 a person but when it is just to come and I am to come Tuesday of
 I have my dear father and family of how to take care of and I don't
 have no paper left that I could if I had I would give you all of them
 and send it - my papers is better than three weeks sent from
 here - I wish you - The honorable the Secretary of the
 Army - I would like to see if any other things is missing
 it right for you please to excuse my trouble from kind of a letter something
 kind of a letter in to sent it up now my file to call on your honor
 your honor Wm. Clark

Wm. Clark

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and he would

many mistakes from mailings and gave it to them to be put in
 and I hope Blue and red full Ring & Ribbon