

therefore be more agreeable to me, if you would write
me a few lines requesting it in so many words - The
account is I believe as just a one, and as well vouchered,
as ever came before M^r Wagner for liquidation - Indeed
there are not more than ten or twelve Items in it too
small amount, but what may be considered too rea-
sonable. The Executive on paying the Paymasters for
their services were from necessity obliged to act pretty
much in the dark. None of them I think received too
much, but many of them received too little - There may
be some items in the Contractors Accounts that the General
Government may object to, on the ground that they are
not properly chargeable to the United States, and that
they ought not to pay for them; the articles were never-
theless lost to the State; I could not separate them with-
out producing confusion, and I thought it better to let
them go in the way they paid the Executive.

The Hon^{ble}

John L. Helm.

Your friend and servant
Minian Pinkney