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Pension Application of Robert Boush R19366

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Pension Office/ April 10th 1849

I hereby certify that I have examined the claim of the legal representative of Robert Boush under the act of Congress of the 5th July 1832, entitled "An act to provide for liquidating and paying certain claims of the State of Virginia" and that I find the said Boush reported as an Ensign in the Virginia State line entitled to half pay for life in consequence of serving to the end of the war. I also find that he died on the 15 October 1809, and that Dr. James Cornick is the administrator on his estate. I am therefore of opinion that the claim should be allowed at the rate of One hundred and twenty dollars per annum from the twenty third of April seventeen hundred and eighty three to the fifteenth of October eighteen hundred and nine, the day of his decease, and that there should be deducted from that amount, five hundred and twenty six pounds, one shilling, and four pence, Virginia Currency, which he received from the State of Virginia as commutation with interest, and that the balance should be paid to Richard Smith Esq Attorney of the said Administrator Dr. James Cornick.

House of Delegates, Dec. 11th 1849

My Dear Sir:

I called on Mr. Heath [probably James E. Heath, Auditor of Virginia] to-day, to make inquiry in relation to the pay of Paymasters in the Va. Line and received from him the following references:

Act. 27th May 1778. Journals of Congress. 2^d. Vol. pp. 567:

Paymaster per month – \$20}

Adjutant 13} In addition to their pay as officers in the Line.

Q'r. Master 13}

Act of Jany 12th 1781. Vol. 3^d. pp. 555.

Regimental paymaster and Clothier, in addition to his pay as an officer in the line is, by this Act entitled to \$30 per month.

Act of March 23^d. 1779: Vol. 3^d. pp. 232.

This Act provides that "the Office of Paymaster and Clothier shall always be Executed by the Regimental Paymaster." Thus the 2 officers are one & the same.

Mr. Heath concurs with me, on these acts, that the pay of a Pay master in the Va. Line, is \$30 per month. He adopts this opinion. Indeed, he informs me that he has already addressed an official letter to Mr. Edwards [J. L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions], to this effect.

Besides the pay of a paymaster, has been in the Va. Courts a matter of judicial adjudication.

By a decree of the District Court of Va (see Barbour's Report) Windsor Brown [BLWt1816-300], Captain and paymaster was allowed £1260 to wit

As Captain £720.00

As Paymaster 540.00

On reducing the English into Federal money you will find that the pay of a paymaster to be \$30 per month.

Robert Boush then is entitled at the rate of \$30 per month, & he is entitled to 5 years full pay, as Paymaster to wit £540 – \$1800, with interest, to be credited with the amount of half pay some time since received. There can be no doubt of this there is no new principle involved. It was so decided in Greaves' case, he receiving his Commutation both as Cornet & Q'r. Master.

I ask that you present the claim as one for Commutation.

And I hope Mr Edwards will do me the favor to take up this case and decide it at once

particularly as it is perfectly free from difficulty.

I certainly have not been fortunate enough to receive much dispatch at his hands, though I have not complained. I have made all allowance knowing well the diversified & laborious character of the duties of his office.

As the papers have been mislaid in Turnbull's case, and it cannot be disposed of until I get other copies of the Court papers, I will take it kind in him to take up Boush's case, in lieu of Turnbull's.

F. A. Dickins, Esq.

Very Truly, Yours/ Signed Jos. Segar.

Pension Office/ March 14th 1850.

I hereby certify that I have examined the case of the administrator of Robert Boush deceased, who claims half pay under the act of 5th July 1832, for service of the said Robert Boush, as Paymaster to the State Garrison Regiment, in the war of the revolution, and continued in the service as such until he became supernumerary, by the reduction of said regiment. I am therefore of opinion, that Dr. James Cornick, administrator of the Estate of said Robert Boush, deceased, is entitled to receive, under the act of 5th July 1832, half-pay for the service of said Robert Boush, as Paymaster as aforesaid at the rate of fifteen dollars per month (half pay for his service as Ensign having been heretofore allowed) from the 22^d day of April 1783, to the 15th day of October 1809, the day of said Robert Boush's death. And that the amount is payable to Francis A. Dickins, substituted Attorney in fact for said Administrator of Robert Boush, deceased.