

REPORT OF COMMITTEE RE OLIVER HANCHETT'S CLAIM TO STATE OF CT

To the Hon. The General Assembly of the State of Connecticut now sitting at Hartford

We the Subscribers being appointed a Committee to inquire and examine into the matters alleged and set forth in the Memorial of Capt Oliver Hanchett , presented to Your Honrs, in Your present Session and make Report. NOW take leave to Report to Your House that we have examined into the Matters set forth in said Memorial and do find that before Capt Hanchett in the year 1775 set out from Cambridge, under the Command of Col. Arnold for Canada, he received from the Quarter Master £724.4.9 in clothing and also he received of Col. Arnold the sum of £176.12.6 in cash. That in the Month of May AD 1776, Lieutenant James Knowles who belonged to Capt Hanchetts Company received the sum of £287.12.3, and in the Month of July next following said Knowles received the sum of £302.19.3 of the Pay Master toward the pay of said Company, and that at the same time Lieut. Bailey received of the Pay Master the sum of £48.12.0 for the pay of one Corporal and seven Privates of said company. And that on the 11th Day of September next following said Knowles received £192 in cash for the pay of said Company as appears by the Certificate of the Pay Master so that on the whole there has been paid £176.12.0 more than the wages of said Company is entitled to.

We also find that Lieut Knowles has paid the sum of £478.15.8 to the said Company, including his own wages, which is £309.0.1 less than the Sum he received of the Pay Master. We also find that Capt Hanchett has paid to the Soldiers in said Company in Clothing Money the Sum of £101.12.4 more than he received as appears by his accounts laid before us, which Sum and the remaining wages due to the Soldiers, we are of the opinion ought to have been paid by Lieut Knowles out of the money he received from the Pay Master, but as Lieut Knowles is dead having [Unreadable] with Capt Hanchett or paid said remaining wages, that we can find out, and his widow having informed us that she has nothing left by her said Husband to enable her to pay the same. We Know not how [Unreadable] Capt Hanchett or the Soldiers who have not yet received the full of their pay will be able to get the same, the Pay Master having already paid the Sum of £176.12.0 more than the whole wages of Said Company amounts to as appears by the pay rolls.

Elisha Williams
Thomas Bolden
Elizun Goodrich

Wethersfield June 8th 1783
General Assembly at Hartford May 1783

To the Lower House the foregoing Report of the Committee is not accepted.

Signed by the Clerk

OLIVER HANCHETT'S PETITION TO THE CONGRESS

To the Honr Congress of the United States of America. This Memorial of Oliver Hanchett of the State of Connecticut That the said Hanchett was in the year 1776 appointed a Captain in the Continental service and commanded a company under the Col Benedict Arnold in the expedition to Canada. That before he marched in said expedition your memorialist rec'd of the Continental Qr Master £12.4.4 in money in clothing for his said company and also rec'd of said Arnold £176.12.0 in cash, all which was duly paid & deliver'd to said Company towards wages. Your memorialist also on said march supplied to said Company a quantity of Beef & Spirits in Subsistence and Refreshment to the amount of £24.12.0 money being his own Property.....And all his own wages and said Company remains unpaid unless directed by Congress .

Therefore your memorialist prays that your honors to inquire into these matters aforesaid and order Payment of the Wages and Monies Due to your memorialist & his Company as aforesaid and as in duty bound shall ever pray.

Dated at Philadelphia June 5th 1782

Oliver Hanchett

