

Commt. dated March 17. 1779 to be a Colonel from
John Jay the 13th March 1778
John Jay } Died July 28th 1795 aged 64 years

He did not receive the whole of his pay -
did not receive his commutations.

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To the Honorable the Senate & House of Representatives of
the U. S. of America in Congress assembled, - The Petitioner
of Phoebe Butler Widow of Col. Zebulon Butler of Luzerne
County in the State of Penna. do^{es} in behalf of herself
and the heirs of said Zebulon Butler, respectfully sheweth
That your Petitioner said husband, was an Officer of the
Revolution, and served as such through the whole of
the war, in the Connecticut line of the Continental
Army - and that he was commissioned by the Continental
Congress to be a Colonel of the second Connecticut Regiment
in the Army of the U. S. to take rank as such from the 13th
day of March 1778 - that having served till the close of
the war he was regularly discharged - Your Petitioner
further represents, that said Col. Butler continued to
reside at Wyoming till his death which happened on
the 28th day of July 1795, and that he left a widow
your Petitioner and six children - three of whom were
then in their minority.

Your Petitioner further states, that
Col. Butler at the time of his death had not received his
pay in full for his service, nor had he received any part of

his commutation pay, The claim therefore which
she makes for herself and the heirs of Col. Butler
is for the amt. that may be found due him
as well for pay during the time of his service as for
the commutation allowed by the resolution of ~~1783~~
1783

That there is something due from the government your
Petitioner has no doubt. - She knows full well that
Col. Butler lived in a great measure upon his own
resources during the war, and afterward down to the time
of his death. The destitute situation in which she was
left with her family, and the privations which she and
they endured, were proofs too strong to be forgotten that those
resources were nearly exhausted. Your Petitioner remembers
to never heard Col. Butler speak of something due from
the government, ^{his pay from government} and although some ~~offer~~ ^{never having need} enquiring
has been made from time to time in reference to the subject, yet
nothing satisfactory has ever resulted from the until recently
examination, have shown that the claim now advanced is
well founded

J. J.
J.

Petitioner

authorizing her to receive for herself & the heirs
of Col. Zebulon Butler the arrears of pay & com-
mutation pay ^{with the interest} which may be due him for
services rendered during the Revolution