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Wilton Feb^{ry} 16- 1781

Sir

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By Lt William Peabody I received a Form
of a Certificate for me to Sign on the Rolls of the Men
Mustred to serve in the Army for 3 Months belonging to
the Regiment ~~Commanded~~ by Col^l Shelley ~~Attorney~~
H Webster - and the late Col^l Nichols = Col^l Stephen
Peabody was appointed. Muster Master and had prepared
some rolls = on Saturday the 8th of July ¹⁷⁸⁰ (I think it was) he was
killed ~~by~~ ^{by} a ball = and the next Monday his
life was disposed of - he was scapible the Men were
to be Mustred the next Wednesday and sent for
me to Muster the Men I accordingly attended
on Wednesday and for six days successively -
but the Men not all appearing and Col^l Peabody
living in Amhurst where the Men were to be
Mustred and being so far recovered that he
was able if they came to his house to view
the Men and Muster them I returned to him
the rolls unfinished and settled with him for
the Money I receive^d I am Willing to Attest
that all the Men whose names I Presented to
him as Mustred & the Travel Money paid -
were Mustred by me and the Money truly
paid them, but as he Mustred some of the Men
I cannot Attest that I Mustred all of them

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For

By L^t William Peabody I received a Form of a Certificate for Me to Sign on the Rolls of the Men Mustered to Leave in the Army for 3 Months belonging to the Riquirments Commanded by Col^l Shelley Shikney & Webster - and the late Col^l[?] Nichols = Col^l Stephan - Peabody was Appointed Muster Muster and had prepared some Rolls = on Saturday the 8th of July ¹⁷⁸⁰ (I think it was) he was [? Presently] with a Cold = and the next Monday his life was disposed of he was Sensible the Men ware to be Mustered the Next Wednesday and Sent for me to Muster the Men I According by Attended on Wednesday and for Five days Succesively - last the men not all Appearing and Col^l Peabody living in Amherst where the Men were to be Mustered and being so far Recovered that he was Able if they Came to his house to [?] the Men and Muster then I Returned to him the Rolls unfinished and Settled with him for the Money I Recieve^d I am Willing to Attest that all the Men whose names I [?] to him as Mustered & the Travel Money paid - were Mustered by me and the Money truly paid them but as he Mustered some of the Men I Cannot Attest that I Mustered all of them

but I am **of the Opinion** that the Eight
balls returned by **Lt Peabody** for me to **inspect**
to are all **Just and True** but cannot **Absolutely**
Certify nor that I **Mustered** them for I **Suppose**
Lt Peabody **Mustered** some after I **Returned**
the balls - However I am **Willing** to do
any thing in my **Power** that I can with
Propriety, to **Satisfy** the **Hon^{ble} Court** or
Committee.

Sir I am with **Sentiment & Esteem**
Your Very Humble Servant

Jacob Abbot

Capt Josiah Gilman
Creator

but I am of the Oppinon that the Eight Rolls Returned by L^t Peabody for me to Attest to are all Just and True but Cannot Absolutely Certify ^{^it} nor that I Mustered them, for I Suppose Col^l Peabody Mustered Some after I Returned the Rolls = Forever I am Willing to do any thing in my Power that I can with Propriety, to Staisfy the H on^{ble} Count on Committee

Sir I am with Sentiment of Esteem

Your Vary Humble Servant

Jacob Abbot

Cap^t Josiah Gilman

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