

Dear Sir

Boston 21th Dec^r 1782⁹⁰

The inclosed power or Order is from a poor Man, M^r Isaac Omsted, who has lived on a Farm of Mine several years, & sent it down to me some time agoe, to apply for his Sons Wages who dyed in the Service the fore part of last Summer, I think, he was a smart Lad & good Soldier to my knowledge, belong'd to Brigadier Hazen's Corps, & attended most of this time as one of his Under Aids, or Servants - you'll doubtless find his Name enroll'd in some of the Cohors Lists, I believe for Haverhill.

I will be doing a Deed of Charity to a poor Family if you'll take y^e trouble to put y^e order into a proper Train for y^e payment of his Wages and let me know when they may apply, or if you'll advise him by a Line, directed to Col^l Charles Johnston at Haverhill, Major Jos^{ph} Hayward, or any of Militia Officers there who are all knowing to the young Lad's Service I regret that I hear from you

so seldom, & that I am prevented by my Official
Business from paying you & my Friends at Exeter
the usual Visits, being a good deal confin'd at my Insur:
Office, w^{ch} has afforded me better Emolument than I
at first Expected, but requires close Application, as
you are very sensible from y^r knowledge of y^r Business

I hope you & M^{rs} Gilman enjoy a good state
my best regard attend you both, & all Friends there
being with great Esteem

Your sincere Friend
& most humble Serv^t

By the Order M^r Jewitt

I send a small Matter of
Susan Tea, extremely very good.

w^{ch} I beg M^{rs} Gilman's Acceptance of

John Hurd

Jos. Gilman Esq.