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I have the honor to return you Mr. Swiat's & agreeably to its request enclose you the papers of John Shepherd.

The objection to the informality of making his declaration before a Justice of the Peace instead of appearing it before a Court of record is among the least of the obstacles to the adjustment of his claim.

He asserts that he served nearly four years in the Pa Line of the Continental Army and was discharged from the service while in the Hospital upon a certificate of Dr. Rush obtained by his mother who was one of the nurses of the Hospital.

This statement (which covers the whole ground of his claim now asserted for the first time) is not only unsupported by any testimony in the papers, but is discredited