

Pension Office
Sept 4th 1848

Sir,

The papers in the case of John Shepherd under the act of 7 June 1832, have been examined and filed.

The regulations require that all Claims shall be asserted before a Court of Record in open Court unless from bodily infirmity they are unable to attend Court, in that case a Judge of a Court may act, he certifying to the particular disability. Shepherd's declaration was made before a Justice of the Peace which is not admissible. His Claim must be asserted in accordance with the above regulations, before any further action can be had on it.

Claimant alleges he served upwards of 3 years in the Pennsylvania Line, under Capt. David Cole, Allen & Bull. No proof whatever to sustain this allegation has been produced. ~~Therefore~~ his Claim can be allowed he ~~will~~ be required to sustain ^{the same} ~~his~~ Claim by the ordinary record at Washington, and to give ~~any satisfaction, reason for having delayed to assert his~~