

to this late day when the means <sup>to the late day</sup> the fact of having  
delayed to assert his claim when the means of  
establishing it by Contradiction, ~~is~~ so rapidly diminishing,  
is well calculated to discredit his statement, unless  
a very satisfactory reason be assigned for such delay  
The individual 117 years old who writes his name  
with so much accuracy as John Shepherd does in  
signing his declaration, cannot be supposed to be  
ignorant of the punishing made by Government for  
renewing of <sup>the</sup> treason, <sup>who</sup> ~~is~~ during the Revolutionary  
War.

Clarmont's name is not found upon the list  
of men, in this office, of the Pennsylvania Line.

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