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War Office 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1779

Sir,

The enclosed recommendation of the Councils of Pennsylvania in favor of Margaret Corbin, added to many circumstances which appear to support her petition for relief, induce the board to offer a resolution which they think her particular situation merits. As she had fortitude and virtue enough to supply the place of her husband after his fall in the service of his country and in the execution of that task received the dangerous would under which she now labors. The board can but consider her as an instituted to the same grateful return which would be made to a soldier in circumstances equally unfortunate. They therefore *[continues on next page]*

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Beg leave to report;

That Margaret Corbin who was wounded and disabled in the attack upon Fort Washington which she heroic filled the post of her husband who was killed by her side serving a piece of artillery, do receive during her natural life, in the continuance of such disability one half of the monthly pay drawing by a soldier in the service of these states and that she now receive out of the public stores one complete suit of soldiers clothing or the value there of in money.

I am with the upmost respect your excellence most obedient servant

P. Scott

Secretary

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Letter from board of war

July 3, 1779

Respecting Mrs. Corbin

Agreed to July 16, 1779

His Excellency

John Jay \_\_\_\_

President of Congress

War Office

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Sir.

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beg leave to report;

That Margaret Corbin who was wounded and disabled in the attack upon Fort Mifflin, whilst she heroically filled the post of her husband who was killed by her side serving a piece of artillery; do receive during her natural life, or the continuance of such disability, the one half of the month's pay drawn by a soldier in the service of these States; and that she <sup>now</sup> receive out of the publick stores one complete suit of soldier's cloathing, or the value thereof in money.

I am, with the utmost respect

Your Obedience's

Most obed. servant

T. Scutt

Secretary

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His Excellency  
John Jay Quinn  
President of  
War. Office. Congress.

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July 3. 1779  
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