

By Richard Hewlett ESQUIRE,
 Lieut. Colonel of 2.^d Battn. DLanceys
 These are to Certify, That the Bearer hereof, Samuel Ballentine -- private Soldier in the aforesaid regiment, and in Capt. Niles's -- company, hath served honestly and faithfully, for the space of Five years and is hereby discharged;

He having first received all just demands of pay, cloathing, &c. from his entering into the said regiment, to the date of his discharge, as appears by his receipt underneath.

Given under my hand, and the seal of the regiment, at S^t. Johns this Tenth day of October – 1783.

Rich Hewlett [?Ld?]

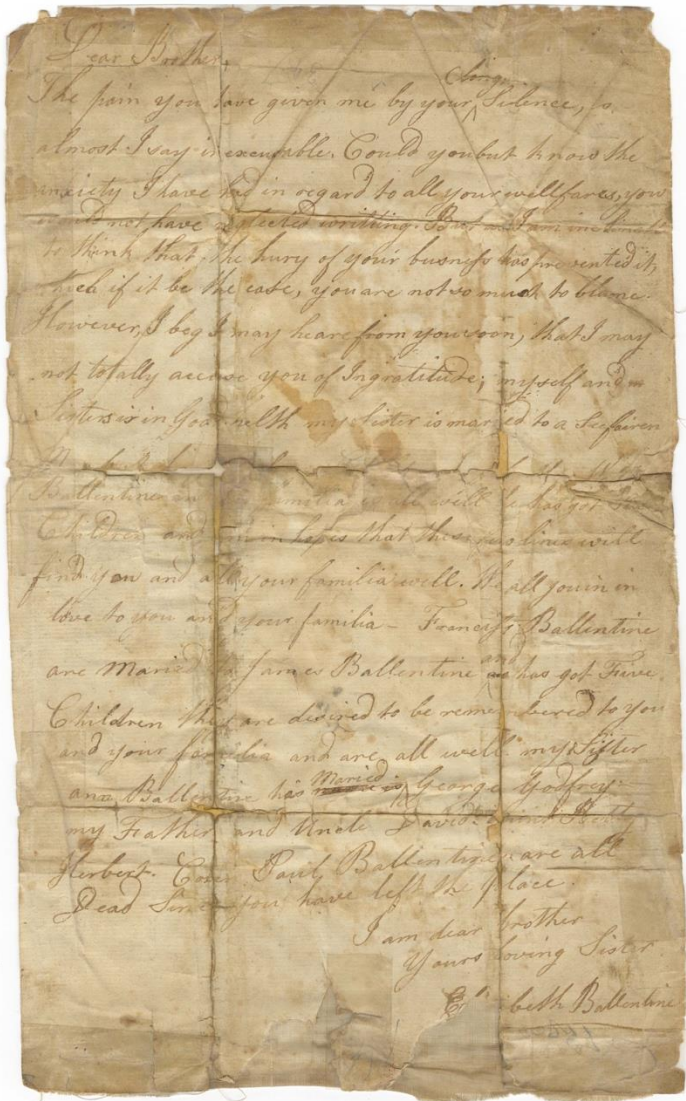
By Command of His Excellency,
 the Commander in Chief.
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Deputy Insp. Gen
 of British American Forces.

To all concerned,
 civil or military.

I DO acknowledge to have received my full pay, arrears of pay, cloathing, &c. and all other just demands from my Colonel and Captain, from the time of my first inlisting to the day above. ~~As also~~
~~weeks pay to carry me to~~
 Witness my hand, this Tenth – day of October 1783

Samuel Ballentine



Dear Brother,
 The pain you have given me by your ^{long} Silence, is almost I say inexcusable. Could you but know the anxiety I have had in regard to all your wellfares, you would not have neglected writting. but as I am inclinable to think that the hury of your business has prevented it, which if it be the case, you are not so much to blame. However, I beg I may heare from you soon, that I may not totally accuse you of Ingratitude; myself and ~~my~~ Sisters is in Good helth my Sister is maried to a Seefairen [Seafarer?] [Man but I {damaged line} -at W.?
 Ballentine and his familia is all well he has got some Children and I'm in hopes that these few lines will find you and all your familia well. We all joun in love to you and your familia – Francis Ballentine are Maried to James Ballentine ^{and} are has got Five Children that are desired to be remembered to you and your Familia and are all well. My Sister ana Ballentine has ~~his name is~~ ^{Maried} George Godfrey. – my Father and Uncle David Aunt Betty Herbert Cowen Paul Ballentine are all Dead since you have left the place.
 I am dear brother
 Yours loving Sister
 E[liza]beth Ballentine

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