

Discharge Letter

Gen George Washington to Pvt EBENEZER DURAND

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The Revolutionary War pension file for Pvt EBENEZER DURAND was photocopied at the NARA (National Archives and Records Administration) building in Seattle, WA on 17 May 2001. It contains the following letter from Gen George Washington to EBENEZER, discharging him from duty in the war and informing him of his eligibility for pension benefits befitting a war invalid. EBENEZER is known to have been discharged on 1 Sep 1782. This and the fact that the letter must predate the congressional act of 23 Apr 1782 bound the date of this letter.

The letter in the NARA file is actually a transcription—a “true copy” or certified copy—of the original. The copy is dated 7 Mar 1798. At that time the original was held at the Comptroller’s Office in Hartford CT.

Following the 1798 transcription is a new one, made 18 May 2001.

By His Excellency George Washington Esq. General
and Commander in Chief of the Forces of the
United States of America

Ebenezer Durand Soldier in the
fourth Connecticut Regiment; being from various
causes assigned in a Certificate under the hand
of the Inspector of the Army of the United
States, unfit for any further duty either in
the field or in Garrison, and having applied
for a discharge, I do hereby discharge the
said Ebenezer Durand from the Service
of the United States and do certify that
he is entitled to the provision made by Congress
in such cases, agreeable to their Act of the 23^d
of April 1782

George Washington

By His Excellency's command
John Trumbull Secy

The foregoing is a true copy of the original
Certificate as on records in this office

Certified

Compt. Office War Dept.
March 17th 1792

By John Porter Compt.

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*By His Excellencys command
Jon^a Trumble J^{nr} Sec^r*

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*Comp^t Office Hartford
March 7th 1798*

By John Porter Comp^t