Baltimore 13th November 1790

Dr Sir

Your letter of the 9th is just come to hand — I have been much at a loss to comprehend the cause of the misunderstanding respecting the Invalid Officers &c — Upon repersual of your letter, of the 21st Instant, I observe "that you say "being informed, that all the invalids who "have received half pay from this State would, upon applica "tion, be paid" &c — And in your last you write thus — "As you mentioned that you had directions to pay all "who were paid by the State &c.

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Is it not probable that the misunderstanding has arisen from my expressing myself incorrectly, or from your not attending to some minute distinction in the business? — I never conceived that I was authorized to pay Officers who had received from the State, on acct. of the Wabash for the time for which they were paid; Nor to pay those who had received a commutation, and had not returned it, according to a Resolution of Congress — But to pay all who were usually paid