

*a Reasonable allowance in my Favour*

To Whomsoever the Hearing and Redress of Grievances and Damages occasioned by the operations of the Forces raised and employed in the American cause of Liberty does or must belong—

The Remonstrance and Submissive application and Request of Mary Totten of the Manor of Cortlandt in the County of West-Chester and Province of New-York (Widow) for herself and distressed fatherless Children, Sheweth that Since the arrival and Encampment of the Forces on her Farm near Croton River, She has by the Work carried on, and Devastations Made, Sustained (in and on her Farm and appurtenances beside her being obliged to abandon her House and Business) Damages insupportable and to her Business relieved by your compassionate consideration and a Reasonable allowance in my Favour being sadly unable to contribute So large a Share to the public good, wherefore, in hopes of being heard and considered, this application is Submissively Made. . . .

Manor of Cortlandt

Mary totten

December 19th: 1776

We, the Subscribers, Freeholders of the Neighbourhood with the within named Mary Totten & Joseph Totten, are well acquainted with her Farm and its Circumstances both before and Since the late encampment of the Soldiers there upon View and Deliberate consideration do Judge that the Damages are within Bounds as follows: viz

	<u>£</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>D</u>
In the Article of Fence on the west side of the hill . . . Burnt	8	0	0
In that of Fence on Bryan Hill . . . Eighty Rods burnt	8	0	0
In D[it]to: . . . wheat, about forty rods burnt	8	0	0
In Do: about the house & barn & below the Loghouse	3	0	0
In Do: on each Side of the Road and elsewhere used in Picketing	16	0	0
In Damage of Wheat on the Ground thro which runs an Entrenchment about forty Rods	15	0	0
Three Loads Hay, Pd. out to the Continental Team	7	10	0
Wheat in Sheaf, Pd. out to Do:	10	0	0
Damage of Removal from Dwelling house (and Business) by order about four weeks	8	0	0
Damage done by turning Continental Team into Indian Corn . . .	12	0	0
Damage done in and upon the remarkably thrifty and flourishing grove of excellent young Timber at one of the Places of Encampment	10	0	0
besides Some other Articles of lesser consequence	£ 105	10	0

[Signed] Joseph Cornell Josiah Quimby Thomas Van Tassel

[On March 11, 1777, Mary Totten signed the following statement:]

Sir, Be pleased To pay the Bearer here of Joseph Totten The above account and his Receipt Shall be your Discharge. For the same From me<sup>6</sup>