

Wm. Dept,
22^d June 1801

Sir

The arrangements of Congress relative to the Navy have imposed on me the unpleasant task of permitting you to retire from Service. You will therefore consider yourself out of Service after the 30th Inst - The Law allows to those Gentlemen who are not continued in Service four months extra pay,

Your accounts will be settled by the Accountant of the Navy, whatever sum appears to be due you will be remitted to you or paid to your order

Accept assurances of my esteem

M. Dearborn
Acty Secy Navy

Mr. Stephen Merrill
Purser
Fryburgh (Maine)

July 1st 1801
my Discharge
Nelson



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