

*PASS vol. XI (p. 633-634):* This document shows the grievances delivered to Wayne on January 4<sup>th</sup> by the board of sergeants. It directly reflects the problems which the soldiers wanted redressed. The document also includes Wayne's reply and attempt to end the mutiny.

seven o'clock at night. The soldiery by this time were in Princeton, (the officers circled around the left of the soldiery east and south of Princeton to Allentown, which is about twelve miles south easterly from Princeton.)

*Propositions, January 4, 1781, delivered to General Wayne.*

Proposals from the committee of Sergeants now representing the Pennsylvania Line artillery, &c.

ARTICLE 1. That all and such men as were enlisted in the year '76 or '77 and received the bounty of 20 dollars, shall be without any delay discharged; and all arrears of pay and depreciation of pay be paid to the said men, without any fraud, clothing included.

ARTICLE 2. Such men as were enlisted since the year '77 and received the \$120 dollars bounty, or any more additions, shall be entitled to their discharge at the expiration of three years from the said enlistment, and their full depreciation of pay, and all arrears of clothing.

ARTICLE 3. That all such men as belong to the different regiments as are enlisted of late for the war, that they receive the remainder of their bounty and pay and all arrears of clothing. That they shall return to their respective corps and do their duty as formerly, and no aspersion be cast and no grievances to be repeated to the said men.

ARTICLE 4. Those soldiers that are enlisted and receive their discharge and all arrearages of pay and clothing, shall not be compelled to stay by any former officers commanding any longer time than what is agreeable to their own pleasure and disposition. Of those that do remain for a small time as volunteers, that they shall be at their own disposal and pleasure.

ARTICLE 5. As we now depend and rely upon you, Gen. Wayne, for to represent and repeat our grievances, we do agree, in conjunction, from this date, January 4, in six days for to complete and settle every such demand as the above five articles mention.

ARTICLE 6. That the whole line are actually agreed and determined to support these above articles in every particular.

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*Reply of Gen. Wayne.*

PRINCETON, *January 4, 1781.*

Gen'l Wayne having maturely considered the foregoing proposals and articles presented to him by the sergeants, in behalf of themselves, the artillery and privates of the Pennsylvania Line, thinks proper to return the following answer:

That all such non-commissioned officers and soldiers as are justly entitled to their discharges shall be immediately settled with, their

accounts properly adjusted, and certificates for their pay and arrearages of pay and clothing given them, agreeable to the resolution of Congress, and the late act\* of the Honorable Assembly of Pennsylvania, for making up the depreciation, and be discharged from the service of the United States.

That all such non-commissioned officers and privates belonging to the respective regiments, artillery or infantry, as are not entitled to their discharge, shall also be settled with, and certificates given them for their pay, depreciation, and clothing, in like manner as those before mentioned, which certificates are to be redeemable at as short period, as the nature of the case admits ; to be paid in hard cash, or an equivalent in Continental money of these States, and be immediately furnished with comfortable warm clothing, they returning to their duty as worthy faithful soldiers.

These propositions are founded on principles of justice and honour, between the United States and the soldiery, which is all that reasonable men can expect, or that a general can promise consistent with his station and duty, and the mutual benefit of their country and the line which he has so long the honour of commanding. If the soldiers are determined not to leave reason and justice govern on this occasion, he has only to lament the total and unfortunate situation to which they will reduce themselves and their country.

ANTHONY WAYNE,  
*Commanding Pennsylvania Line.*

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*The Sergeants to Gen. Wayne.*

SIR : We would be glad you would inform us who these men are that you mean, that are entitled to their discharges. As we jointly think that you don't deem the men enlisted with the bounty of twenty dollars to be entitled to their discharges ; therefore, sir, be punctual what you say, and do as we reasonably think our due.

WM. BOUZAR,  
*Serg't.*