

1779 POST and EXPRESSES

DAVID WHEELER – RIDING EXPRESS FOR BRIG GENERAL GOLD SELICK SILLIMAN

1779 January 27

Payment Order: 5354

Fairfield January 27th 1779
 The State of Connecticut Dr. to David Wheeler
 to going to Danbury with an Express to Corn^t. Maget
 By order of Brig^l. Gen^l. Silliman
 to my time two Days @ 5 Dolars 3 ~ 0 ~ 0
 to my horse Riding twenty two miles @ 2/ ----- 2 ~ 5 ~ 0
 at Betses (?) in Reding
 Expences Refreshments for my Self and horse 4/ - 0 ~ 4 ~ 0
 Refreshment for my Self and horse at Danbury 6/ - 0 ~ 6 ~ 0
 To Reding to Cowchs (?) to horse keeping Supper Lodging
 Breakfast and half a dram of biters @ £1-55 46 ----- 1 ~ 5 ~ 6
 L6=19=6
 These certify that I employed Mr Wheeler to go Express on publick
 Business as is above charged. Fairfield Febr^y 9th 1779
 G Sellick Silliman Brig. Gen^l

Fairfield January 27 AD 1779
 The State of Connecticut Dr. to David Wheeler
 to going to Danbury with an Express to Corn^t. Maget (sic)
 By order of Brig^l. Gen^l. Silliman
 to my time two Days @ 5 Dolars ----- 3 ~ 0 ~ 0
 to my horse Riding twenty two miles @ 2/ ----- 2 ~ 5 ~ 0
 at Betses (?) in Reding
 Expences Refreshments for my Self and horse 4/ - 0 ~ 4 ~ 0
 Refreshment for my Self and horse at Danbury 6/ - 0 ~ 6 ~ 0
 To Reding to Cowchs (?) to horse keeping Supper Lodging
 Breakfast and half a dram of biters @ £1-55 46 ----- 1 ~ 5 ~ 6
 L6=19=6

These certify that I employed Mr Wheeler to go Express on publick
 Business as is above charged. Fairfield Febr^y 9th 1779
 G Sellick Silliman Brig. Gen^l.

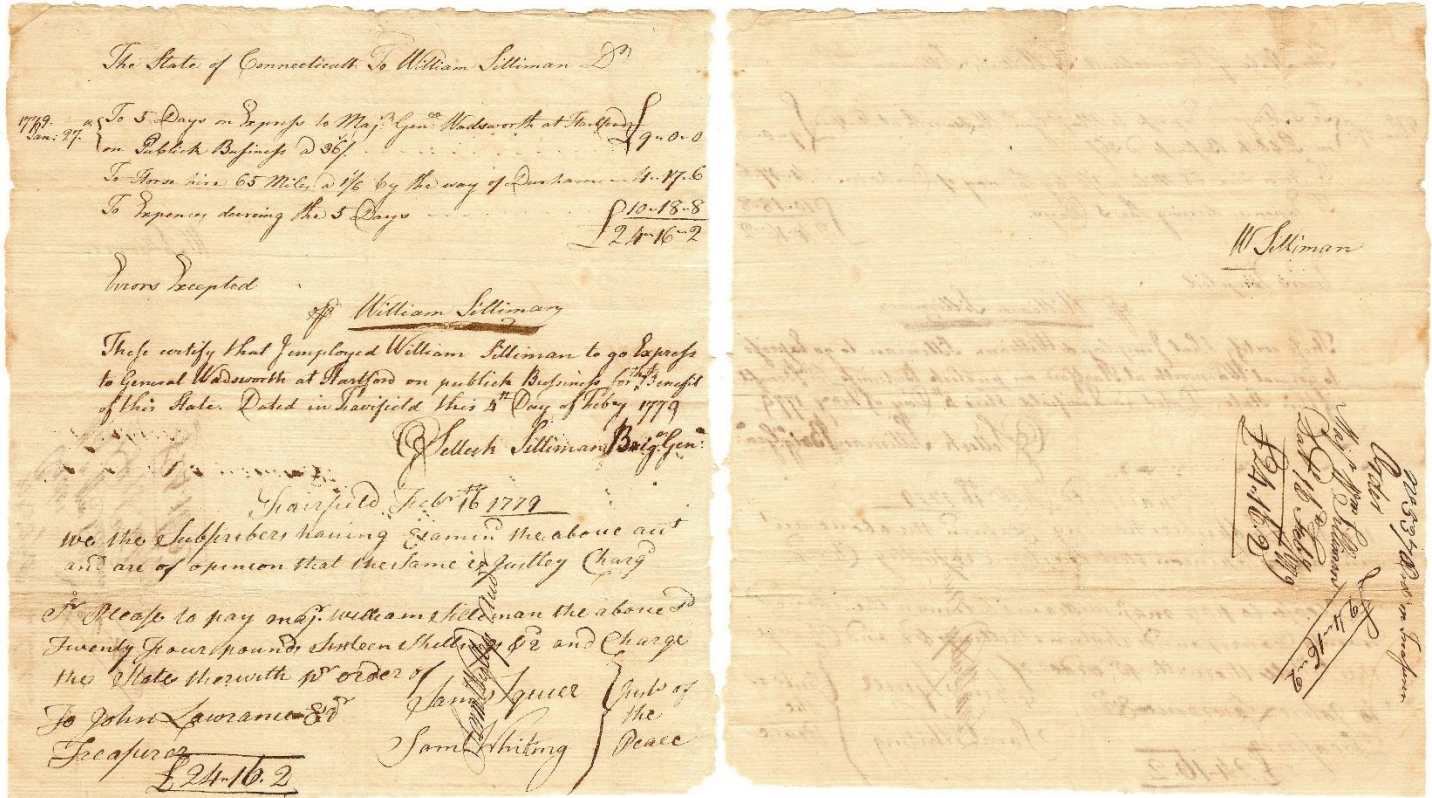
Fairfield Febr^y 18th 1779
 These Services that we the Subscribers have examined
 the within acct. and are of opinion the Same is
 Justley Charg^d
 Sir: Please to pay Mr David Wheeler the within mentioned
 Sum of Six pounds nineteen Shillings & 6 L M and
 Charge the State P^r order of Sam^l Squier } Just^s
 To John Lawrence Esq^r. } Peace
 Treasurer
 L 6.19.6
 David Wheeler

Fairfield Febr^y 18th 1779
 These Services that we the Subscribers have examined
 the within acct. and are of opinion the Same is
 Justley Charg^d
 Sir: Please to pay Mr David Wheeler the within mentioned
 Sum of Six pounds nineteen Shillings & 6 L M and
 Charge the State P^r order of
 Sam^l Squier } Just^s
 To John Lawrence Esq^r. } Peace
 Treasurer
 L 6.19.6
 David Wheeler

Major WILLIAM SILLIMAN – RIDING EXPRESS FOR BRIG GENERAL GOLD SELLECK SILLIMAN

1779 January 27

Payment Order: 5370



The State of Connecticut To William Silliman,, Dr
1779 [To 5 days on Expresss to Maj: Genl: Wadsworth at Hartford
Jan: 27th [on Publick Business @ 36/ ~~~~~ L 9~ 0~ 0
To Horse hire 65 Miles @ 1¹/₆ by the of Durham ~ ~ 4~17~ 6
To Expences during the 5 Days ~~~~~ 10~18~ 8
Errors Excepted

P William Silliman

These certify that I employed William Silliman to go Express
to General Wadsworth at Hartford on publick Bussiness for the Benefit
of this State. Dated in Fairfield this 4th Day of Febry 1779

G Selleck Silliman Brig. Genl:

Fairfield Feb^y 16th 1779

We the Subscribers having examined the above acc^t
and are of opinion that the Same is Justley Charg^d.

Sir: Please to pay Maj: William Silliman the above s^d
Twenty Four pounds Sixteen Shillings & L 2^d and Charge
the State therewith p^r order of] Justs of
To John Lawrence Esqr Saml Squire } the
Treasurer----- Saml Whiting } Peace
L24~16~ 2

William Silliman

AMOS HUBBILL – RIDING EXPRESS BY GENERAL SILLIMAN'S ORDER

1779 May 3

1779 D Fairfield May 3^d State of Connecticut To Amos Hubbill
 For Going To his Excellency the Governor With an Express
 By General Silliman's order
 To Five Days Myself at 48/- ~~~~~ L12- 0-
 To hors hire 90 Miles - 3/- ~~~~~ 9- 0-
 To My Expences too and from Leabenon ~~~~ 10-10-
 To Chors hire for Returning from Fairfield
 To Stratford to Col^d Whiting, With the Express 1- 4-
 L32- 14-
 Stratford May 3^d 1779
 These Sertifi that the above Services wors performed by
 Amos Hubbell and the orders from his Expt^d Delivered to
 me of Genn^d Seleman wors Absent
 Sam^d Whiting Colo^d Comm^d

Fairfield May 6th 1779
 These are to Sertifie that we the Subscribers have
 Examined the within acct and find it Justley Charg^d
 Sir: Please to pay Mr. Amos Hubbill the within Sum
 of Thirty two pounds Fourteen Shillings L Money
 and Charge the State as order of
 John Lawrence Esq^r } Justices
 Treasurer } of the
 Andrew Rowland } Peace
 L32- 14- 0
 Amos Hubbill

1779 D^r Fairfield 3 May State of Connecticut To Amos Hubbill
 For Going To his Excelency the Governor With an Express
 By General Sillimans order
 To Five Days MY Self @ 48/- ~~~~~ L12- 0-
 To hors hire 90 Miles - 3/- ~~~~~ 9- 0-
 To My Expences too and from Leabenon ~~~~ 10-10-
 To hors hire for Returning from Fairfield
 To Stratford to Col^d. Whiting, With the Express ~ 1- 4-
 L32- 14-
 Stratford May 3^d 1779

These Sertifi that the above Services wors performed by
 Amos Hubbell and the orders from his Express Delivered to
 me as Genn^d Seleman wors Absent
 Sam^d Whiting Colo^d Comm^d

Fairfield May 6th 1779
 These are to Sertifie that we the Subscribers have
 Examined the within acct and find it Justley Charg^d
 Sir: Please to pay M^r. Amos Hubbill the within Sum
 of Thirty two pounds Fourteen Shillings L Money
 and Charge the State as order of
 John Lawrence Esq^r } Justices
 Treasurer } of the
 Andrew Rowland } Peace
 L32- 14- 0
 Amos Hubbill

JOHN E OLCOTT – RIDING EXPRESS BY COLONEL WHITING’S ORDER

1779 July 9
Payment Order: 1440

The State of Connecticut

To John E. Olcott
to Riding Express By Col. Whiting's Order from Stratford
to Col. Mosley at Woodbury from there to Col. Beardslee
at New Fairfield from there to Capt. George & Capt. Moorehouse
at Redding in the time of three days. £ 10 - 16 - 0
to horse hire 66 Miles 9 - 10 - 0
to Expences on R^d Rode 9 - 14 - 0
Errors Excepted £ 30 - 0 - 0

Stratford July 9th 1779
In Fairfield County at Stratford Augth 11th 1779 the above John E Olcott made Oath that
the foregoing articles of Acc^t were all Justly & truly Char^d, and that he has there for never been paid.
Sworn before me Robert Fairchild Justice of Peace
These Certify that we the Subscribers having examined the above acc^t. and approve the articles
thereof Justly and reasonably - Charg^d -- And Order the Treasurer to pay y^e s^d. Olcott (on order)
the Same accordingly - Robert Fairchild
To John Lawrence Esqr. Treasurer - Dan^l. Judson Justices of Peace

Stratford July 9th 1779
These Certify that I Employ'd the within Nam'd
John E. Olcott to go Express to the within Nam'd
Officers & he performed the Service According to Orders
Sam^l Whiting Colo^d Command^t

Recd. of John Lawrence Esqr^e by the
hands of John Benjamin Collector of the Town of
Stratford the within Bill & Order in full
p^r me John E Olcott

1440
John E Olcott
July 9th 1779
1440

The State of Connecticut ~ ~ ~ Dr.,
To John E. Olcott ~ ~ ~ ~
To Riding Express By Col. Whiting's Order from Stratford
To Col. Mosley at Woodbury from there to Col. Beardslee
at New Fairfield from there to Cap^t George & Cap^t. Moorehouse
at Redding in the time of three days ~ ~ ~ ~ £ 10 "16" 0
to horse hire 66 Miles ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 9 "18" 0
to Expences on S^d Rode ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 9 "14" 0
Errors Excepted £ 30 " 8" 0

Stratford July 9th 1779
In Fairfield County at Stratford Augth 11th 1779 the above John E Olcott made Oath that
the foregoing articles of Acc^t. were all Justly & truly Char^d, and that he has there for never been paid.
Sworn before me Robert Fairchild Justice of Peace
These Certify that we the Subscribers having examined the above acc^t. and approve the articles
thereof Justly and reasonably - Charg^d -- And Order the Treasurer to pay y^e s^d. Olcott (on order)
the Same accordingly - Robert Fairchild
To John Lawrence Esqr. Treasurer - Dan^l. Judson Justices of Peace

Stratford July 9th 1779
These Certify that I Employ'd the within named
John E Olcott to go Express to the within Nam'd
Officers & he performed the Service According to Orders
Sam^l Whiting Colo^d Command^t

Recd. of John Lawrence Esqr^e by the
hands of John Benjamin Collector of the Town of
Stratford the within Bill & Order in full ~ ~ ~ ~
p^r me John E Olcott

LIEUT. JOHN CHICK – CARRING LETTERS BY COLONEL DIMONS'S ORDER

1779 November 1
Payment Order: 5362

The State of Connecticut Dr. to John Chick Nov. 1st 1779
by a Journey to Hartford by Col^d Dimons orders with
Letters to his Excellency the Governor ~~~~~

Nov 1 st 1779 Setout Dr to Dram ferrig ^d @ 18/-	£ 0 - 18 - 0
to Supper Lodging horse &c	2 - 17 - 0
Nov 2 ^d to Brakfast .. etc &c	1 - 18 - 0
to Diner hors bait &c	1 - 18 - 0
to oter and Dram	0 - 18 - 0
to Supper &c	1 - 9 - 0
Nov 3 to My Expences	4 - 0 - 0
Dr 4 to My Expences	3 - 18 - 0
Dr 5 to My Expences	4 - 18 - 0
Dr 6 to Expences	4 - 10 - 0
Dr 7 to Expences	4 - 12 - 0
	31 - 13 - 0

To my hors Travil 56 miles
at three Shillings per mile ~~~~~ 8 - 5 - 0
these are to Certify that I employed Lt. John Chick
for to Do the above Service diligently ~~~~~ 39 - 18 - 0
P Order Jonth Dimon Lt Col^d Comd^t

Fairfield County in Stratford Nov. 12th 1779. personally appeared
Lieut. John Chick and made Oath that the above articles of account are
Justly Charged, and that he never received any pay for the Same ~
Sworn before me Robert Fairchild Justice of Peace.
These Certifies whom it may Concern, that we y^r authority Subscribing
having Examined the foregoing articles of acct. and allow the same
to be Justly and truly Charg^d.; and order the Same to be paid accordingly
Stratford Nov. 12th 1779 Robert Fairchild } Justices of Peace
Sam^l J Whiting }

To John Lawrence Esq. Treasurer 39. 18. 0

A 1779

John Chick

Order on the
Treasurer
for the
above
sum

39. 18. 0

8 8
4 4
4 8
8 6
9 5

The State of Connecticut Dr. to John Chick Nov. 1st 1779
by a Journey to Hartford by Col^d Dimons orders with
Letters to his Excellency the Governor ~~~~~

Nov 1 st 1779 -- Setout Dr to Dram ferrig ^d @ 18/-	£ 0 - 18 - 0
to Supper Lodging horse &c	2 - 17 - 0
Nov 2 ^d to Brakfast .. etc &c	1 - 18 - 0
to Diner hors bait &c	1 - 18 - 0
to oter and Dram	0 - 18 - 0
to Supper &c	1 - 9 - 0
Nov 3 to My Expences	4 - 0 - 0
Dr 4 to My Expences	3 - 18 - 0
Dr 5 to My Expences	4 - 15 - 0
Dr 6 to Expences	4 - 10 - 0
Dr 7 to Expences	4 - 12 - 0
	31 - 13 - 0

To my hors Travil 56 miles
at three Shillings per mile ~~~~~ 8 - 5 - 0
these are to Certify that I employed Lt. John Chick
for to Do the above Service diligently? ~~~~~ 39 - 18 - 0
P Order Jonth Dimon Lt Col^d Comd^t

Fairfield County in Stratford Nov. 12th 1779. personally appeared
Lieut. John Chick and made Oath that the above articles of account are
Justly Charged, and that he never received any pay for the Same ~
Sworn before me Robert Fairchild Justice of Peace.
These Certifies whom it may Concern, that we y^r authority Subscribing
having Examined the foregoing articles of acct. and allow the same
to be Justly and truly Charg^d.; and order the Same to be paid accordingly
Stratford Nov. 12th 1779 Robert Fairchild } Justices of Peace
Sam^l J Whiting }

To John Lawrence Esq. Treasurer 39. 18. 0

John Chick

LEVI HART AS AN EXPRESS FROM FAIRFIELD TO LEBANON, HARTFORD AND GUILFORD &C

1779 November 10
Payment Order: 3274

State of Connecticut to Levi Hart Dr for traveling
as an Express from Fairfield to Lebanon
and then from there to Hartford and from Hartford to
General Wards at Guilford and horse travel
November 10th 79 at Stratford a Breakfast and a Mess of Oats 24/ 1-4-0
New Haven ----- To a Dinner and a bait of Hay 26/ ----- 1-6-0
North Haven 11th 79 To a Supper horsekeeping & Lodging 48/ ----- 2-8-0
At Durham ----- To a Bitter Breakfast & horsebait 24/ ----- 1-4-0
Colchester ----- To hay and Oats Nip of Philip & Dinner 39/ ----- 1-19-0
Lebanon 12th 79 To Entertainment at L^d. Aldens for myself
and horse ----- 7-4-0
Lebanon Crank To a horse keeping on hay one night 20/ ----- 1-0-0
the 14th 79 ----- To Lodgings a Nip of Philip and a pieck
of Oats ----- 1-16-0
Bolton ----- To a Breakfast 20/ a bate of Hay 5/ ----- 1-5-0
Hartford ----- To Ferrige ----- 5/ ----- 0-5-0
Wethersfield ----- Lodging, horsekeeping up on hay & Oats
----- Nip of Philip and a Breakfast ----- 3-0-0
Meriden ----- To a Mess of Oats 6/ ----- 0-6-0
Coliabit ----- To a Supper a bate of Hay 24/ and a mess of Bran^o 1-10-0
Guilford 16th ----- To horsekeeping 18/ Lodgings 4/ &
A Breakfast 18/ ----- 2-0-0
Branford ----- a Mess of Oats 6/ Nip of Philip 9/ ----- 0-15-0
New Haven ----- the Ferry 12 a Dinner 20/ a bate of hay ----- 1-18-0
Milford ----- A mess of Oats 5/ a Nip of Philip 9/ ----- 0-14-0
Stratford ----- A Mess of Oats and a Supper 24/ ----- 1-04-0
To horse travel when going with Express
One hundred and Sixty Miles at
Three Shillings Per Mile 160/480/ Shl ----- 24-0-0
3
480 ----- 56
To Cash paid for Ferrige 6/ Do. 6/ at Stratford ----- 0-12-00
The Above is a true Account of Expences ----- 56-14-00
Test Levi Hart

Fairfield November 18th 1779
This may Certify all persons to whom it doth or may Concern
that I sent Levi Hart as an Express to within mentioned
places and that he has performed the Business sent Upon
Certify pr Me
Jonth Dimon, Lieut Col^o Comd^o
Fairfield Nov^r 18th AD 1779
These Certify that we authority Subscribing have
Examined the within account and find it truly
and Justly Charg^d and the Said Hart appeared and
Declared he had Received no Satisfaction therefore
To John Lawrence Esq^r Treasurer of the State
of the Connecticut Sir you are hereby ordered to
Pay unto Levi Hart fifty Six Pound fourteen
Shillings Lawfull money for the Service within
mentioned
George Burr } Justices Peace
Hez Hubbell }
Rec^d. of Treasurer Lawrence Fifty Six pounds fourteen
Shillings the Contents
Levi Hart
Order
Levi Hart
Paid to Dr 10th 1779
\$56.14.00
Chas
Wm^o Burr
Lawrence

State of Connecticut to Levi Hart Dr for traveling as an Express from Fairfield to Lebanon and then from there to Hartford and from Hartford to General Wards at Guilford --- and horse travel.-----
November 10th .79 at Stratford a Breakfast and a Mess of Oats 24/ 1-4-0
New Haven ----- To a Dinner and Bait of Hay 26/ ----- 1-6-0
North Haven 11th .79 - To a Supper Horsekeeping & Lodging 48/ ----- 2-8-0
At Durham ----- To a Bitter Breakfast & horsebait 24/ ----- 1-4-0
Colchester ----- To hay and Oats Nip of Philip & Dinner 39/ ----- 1-19-0
Lebanon 12th -79 --- To Entertainment at L^d. Aldens for myself
and horse ----- 7-4-0
Lebanon Crank To a horse keeping on hay one night 20/ --- 1-0-0
the 14th 79 ----- To Lodgings a Nip of Philip and a pieck
of Oats ----- 1-16-0
Bolton ----- To a Breakfast 20/ a bate of Hay 5/ ----- 1-5-0
Hartford ----- To Ferrige ----- 5/ ----- 0-5-0
Wethersfield ----- Lodging, horsekeeping up on hay & Oats
----- Nip of Philip and a Breakfast ----- 3-0-0
Meriden ----- To a Mess of Oats 6/ ----- 0-6-0
Coliabit ----- To a Supper a bate of Hay 24/ and a mess of Bran^o 1-10-0
Guilford 16th ----- To horsekeeping 18/ Lodgings 4/ &
A Breakfast 18/ ----- 2-0-0
Branford ----- a Mess of Oats 6/ Nip of Philip 9/ ----- 0-15-0
New Haven ----- the Ferry 12 a Dinner 20/ a bate of hay ----- 1-18-0
Milford ----- A mess of Oats 5/ a Nip of Philip 9/ ----- 0-14-0
Stratford ----- A Mess of Oats and a Supper 24/ ----- 1-04-0
To horse travel when going with Express
One hundred and Sixty Miles at
Three Shillings Per Mile 160/480/ Shl ----- 24-0-0
3
480 ----- 56
To Cash paid for Ferrige 6/ Do. 6/ at Stratford ----- 0-12-00
The Above is a true Account of Expences ----- 56-14-00
Test Levi Hart

Fairfield November 18th 1779
This may Certify all persons to whom it doth or may Concern
that I sent Levi Hart as an Express to within mentioned
places and that he has performed the Business Sent Upon.
Certify pr Me
Jonth Dimon Lieut Col^o Comd^o.

Fairfield Nov^r. 18 AD 1779
These Certify we authority Subscribing have
Examined the within account and find it truly
and Justly Charg^d. and the Said Hart appeared and
Declared he had Received no Satisfaction therefore.

To John Lawrence Esq^r. Treasurer of the State
of Connecticut Sir you are hereby ordered to
Pay unto Levi Hart fifty six pound fourteen
Shillings Lawfull money for the Service within
George Burr } Justices Peace
Hez Hubbell }

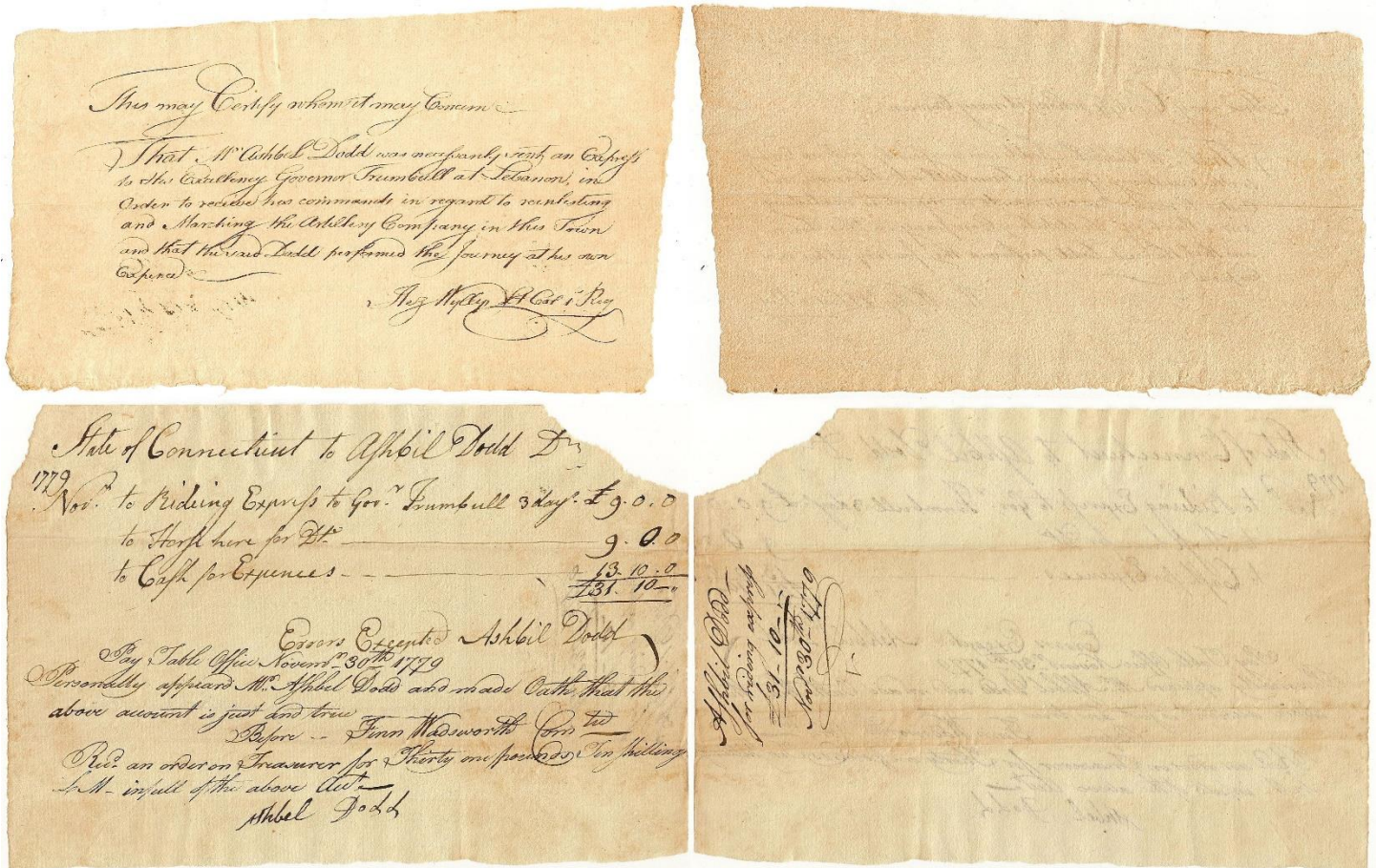
Rec^d. of Treasuret Lawrence Fifty Six pounds fourteen
shillings the Contents ----- Levi Hart

XX

The Rider enjoyed a few Nips of Philip (Bitter beer with an eggnog type mixture added, and stirred by a red hot rod), and the best of all Entertainment at Ld (Lady) Alden's for himself and horse.

ASHBEL DODD – RIDING EXPRESS BY LT. COLONEL HEZEKIAH WYLLYS'S ORDER

1779 November 30



This may Certify whom it may Concern~
That Mr. Ashbell Dodd was necessarily sent as Express
to His Excellency Governor Trumbull at Lebanon, in
Order to receive his commands in regard to remlisting
and Marching the Artillery Company in this Town
and that the said Dodd performed the Journey at his own
Expence. ~~~~~

Hez Wyllys Lt Col 1st Reg.

State of Connecticut to Ashbil Dodd Dr~
1779 Nov. to Riding Express to Govr. Trumbull 3 day. £ 9. 0. 0
to Horse hire Dr. ~~~~~ 9. 0. 0
to Cash for Expences ~~~~~ 13.10. 0
£ 31. 10. 0

Errors Excepted Ashbil Dodd

Pay Table Office Novem^r ~30th ~1779

Personally appeared Mr. Ashbel Dodd and made Oath that the
above account is just and true.

Before ~ Finn Wadsworth Com^{tee} ~

Rec^d. an order on Treasurer for Thirty one pounds Ten Shillings

LM ~ in full of the above Acc^t. ~

Ashbel Dodd