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May 19. 1886.

Gen John C. Black

Commissioner of Pensions
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have

the bona fide claims herewith the
 papers and my report in
 the claim for pension no 380.
 524 of James G. Montgomery
 late of Co C. 2^d Penn Mt'd Infly.
 present R.O. address Scott's
 Hill Henderson Co Penn.
 Basis of claim U.S.A of left
 foot. After I commenced the
 examination I received your
 letter deciding me to verify
 the claimant's story examination
 but I had previously notified
 his attorney and he did not
 desire to be present at the

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taking of all the testimony was present when I examined Bud Creasey:

As I stated in my former report "I made careful inquiry in and about Scott, Hill and McCalumbe to ascertain the truth or falsity of the story re: afloat that Clint was murdered before the war and I then was unable to find any person who knew anything about it. My opinion then was and it is fully confirmed by my recent inquiries that it came after Clint applied for a passport & was started by parties hostile to him. Bud Creasey, commonly called Bert Creasey, cannot write & so the letter purporting to have been written by him was and could not have been written by him and

he is the only one of that name. Fair reputable witnesses testify to seeing Montgomery wounded on Buffalo River; others corroborate the fact. My opinion is that he has proved his case not only by a fair preponderance of the evidence but beyond a reasonable doubt. I do not think the odds against it having been shot before the war would have been considered a moment except for its adoption by General Lee Forbes. Bob Morgan as I stated in my first report left this country many years ago and his address cannot be ascertained. I am fully of the opinion that a careful reading of the testimony will satisfy you that this claim is meritorious. The error of the military office

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as to the nature and extent of the injury
in this case. A doubt can be
raised about almost any
testimony and after a lapse of
twenty two years it would
be a little singular if there
were not some contrarieties as
to the exact fact unless a man
kept a diary.

I recommend as in my former
report that the degree of disability
be fixed by a Board of Surgeons
unless the present medical evidence
is deemed sufficient. I have
gathered all the testimony obtainable
in this case and I recommend
its admission.

Wm. R. Kirby
A. W. Galbraith
Special Exr.

The witness Calvini Pucci died three
years ago.