

Honorable Mention, Dear George Washington Contest 2013
Danny Weight, Fifth Grade
Friends Academy

Garrett served in the Army in the Revolutionary War, is now living with his wife and children on a farm in New Jersey, and is worried about the many poor people living in the area.

Dear President Washington,

It was my honor to serve you and my country during the War, and I am proud that you are the President of this great Country.

For serving in the Army I received property in New Jersey. I have built a small farm with much hardship and labor. My wife Teresa and my three children and I work hard to survive in this rough land.

I am worried because there are many other families who are not surviving. Their crops are failing and their children are falling ill and some are dying of starvation. Many of them do not know how to clear their land and plant and grow crops. They are leaving rocks, roots and stumps in their fields, and they are doing such things as planting in the shade. There are too many for me to help.

You are the finest leader of men and country, and I have learned you are a successful plantation owner, farmer and surveyor. You know how to do things.

Can you please help my fellow citizens of the United States by asking the Senate and House of Representatives to send support? These struggling families need aid from knowledgeable and skilled men who can show them how to clear their land and be proper farmers.

With your help and the blessing of the Almighty Being, the settlers can feed their families and tame the wilderness. It will help our independent nation to grow strong and will be for the public and private good.

I humbly ask your consideration and favor in this matter.

Your Servant,

Garrett Snedaker