

A RELIC OF 1776.

The following, taken from the *Philadelphia Inquirer* of January 13th, 1876, was handed to us by Mr. Charles B. Knowles, of this city. As it will be interesting to many of our readers—especially to those in New Hope and vicinity, where relatives of one of the parties mentioned have resided for years—we cheerfully give it a place in the columns of “*The Beacon*.”

“ We were shown yesterday, by our fellow-townsmen, Richard B. Parry, an interesting family relic of Revolutionary days, in the shape of a joint autograph letter of Colonel Samuel T. Atlee and Lieutenant-Colonel Caleb Parry, dated July 4th, 1776, recommending George Shaffner, a Sergeant of their Regiment, for position of Lieutenant in a new Regiment to be raised, the recruiting for which probably was commenced upon that very day, growing out of the excitement of the ‘ Declaration of Independence,’ same date. It is as follows :”

To the Honorable the Committee of Safety of the Province of Pennsylvania :

THE PETITION OF GEORGE SHAFFNER,

Respectfully sheweth—

That your petitioner is now a Sergeant in Captain Dehuff’s company of Pennsylvanians, and, desirous of being promoted, prays your honors would be pleased to appoint him Lieutenant in one of the companies of the regiment of Germans now to be raised, he being born of German parents. And your petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

GEORGE SHAFFNER.

Philadelphia, July 4th, 1776.

I hereby certify that the above-named Sergeant Shaffner has behaved himself becoming a good soldier in the battalion under my command, and do recommend him to the notice of the Committee of Safety.

SAMUEL T. ATLEE, Colonel.

CALEB PARRY, Lieutenant-Colonel.

July 4th, 1776.

“ The above is rendered particularly interesting from the fact that *Colonel Caleb Parry fell himself a martyr to the cause, being instantly killed at the battle of Long Island.*”