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A VERY extraordinary circumstance arrested the attention of the legislature of Massachusetts, at their late session. A petition was presented by a Mrs. Deborah Gannett, who served with reputation, as a soldier, three years in the army of the united states, and received an honourable discharge therefrom. This extraordinary woman enlisted as a male, by the name of Robert Shurtliff; and as such did her duty without a stain on her virtue or honour. She only prays, in her petition, for the payment of her arrears; but submits the circumstances of her services to the consideration of the legislature: and from the feelings which appeared on the occasion, expressive of a desire to reward heroism like hers, there is no room to doubt that a compensation will be granted, adequate to her services, and honourable to the government.

Several members corroborated the facts stated in the petition.