

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Lewis Booker BLWt8-200

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[The application for bounty land was not found in the file.]

Dear Sir [Captain Lewis Booker at Tappahannock VA] Philadelphia Dec'r. 20th 1797

I have this moment received your favor of the 5th instant in answer to which have to inform you, that in consequence of the power of attorney inclosed to me by Mr. Semple, I obtained your land warrant, and agreeably to the instructions given to my overseer, I enclosed the warrant in a letter directed to you at Lexington, Kentucky, some time in the month of June last, too late however to reach that place untill after the time you mention. I will imidately write to Mr. Semple on the subject. your other business respecting the Pattents and value of land, shall be attended to in due time.

no definitive measure of importance hath taken place in congress, since the commencement of the present session, owing principally to the want of some official information from our commissioners at Paris, which is daily expected. A law has just passed to postpone the operation of the stamped act untill the last day of June next. I am very respectfully

Dear Sir/ Your mo. ob't. Serv't.

[signed] Anthony New [Congressman from Kentucky]

P.S It is my duty as well as inclination to render you every service in my power, therefore I beg you to command me fully AN

I hereby Certify that in the year 1796 while attending a session of Congress in Philadelphia, I received a power of attorney from Capt. Lewis Booker of Essex County, State of Virginia, authorizing me to obtain a warrant for his continental bounty in land, I accordingly applied for, and rec'd, a warrant for 300 acres, which (at the request of the said Booker) I inclosed in a letter addressed to him then in Lexington Kentucky, but which did not reach him during his stay in that state. In the session of 1797 I was informed by a letter from Capt. Booker that he had not rec'd. the letter above mentioned, nor the land warrant. I immediately applied at the Gen'l. Post office to know whether the letter had not been returned as a dead letter and was informed by Mr. A Bradley that such a letter had been rec'd. from Kentucky with the land warrant inclosed and that he immediately put it under cover addressed to me at Tappahannock Va

[signed] Anth. New

Dr Sir. Essex County 18th Dec'r. 1802.

I am again oblige to be troublesome to you on the old business of my land warrant. to put the circumstances fresh in your memory I inclose you two of your letters on the subject, I did have a certificate from the General post office mentioning your letter inclosing the warrant was sent from the post office, Lexington, to that office, and that was inclosed under cover to you a di-[page damaged] to be lodged at the post office in Tapp'k. which letter never came to hand.

As I sent the necessary Certificates to you during the late Congress, and I think the certificate alluded to above from the Gen'l. post office as I cannot find it among my papers/ suppose it will not now be necessary to procure fresh ones, – however if it should be required, be pleased inform me by the first maile as the time draws near for such claims to be sent in. Your attention to the above business will still lay under fresh obligations. Your Friend & Ob't. Serv't. [signed] L. Booker