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Virginia Rejected Claim of Robert Elliott VAS1261

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The heirs of Lt. Rob. Elliott respectfully pray of the State of Virginia the Compensation in Land Bounty usually allowed a subaltern

The beg leave to refer the State Agent to his own Reports for the evidence of Lt. Rob. Elliott's services. Saml. B. Scroant[?]/ 18<sup>th</sup> March 1834

[The following is a report by Commissioner John H. Smith on the above petition.]

Petition for bounty land.

The Heirs of Ro. Elliott Lt. C. L.

In the supplement to the printed list of officers No 2. (see Journals of the House of Delegates – Session of Assembly 1833-4.) I have Reported Lieut Ro. Elliott entitled to land, for [service to the end of] the war.

There were two Ro. Elliotts, Lieutenants of the Cont'l. line. One of them [Robert Elliott pension application W3404] has received bounty land for the war.

They were probably both commissioned in May 1777. One of them [W3404] was from Botetourt County, and is known to me to be now alive. The other was from Eastern Virginia; and his Heirs are now claiming bounty land.

A document on file in the 1<sup>st</sup> Auditors Office, call'd "A Roll of resigned & supernumerary officers of the Va. Continental line & state troops" [<http://revwarapps.org/b86.pdf>] speaks of two Ro. Elliotts Lieuts of the Continental line. One of them describ'd as Ro. Elliott Lt. of the Cont'l Line – commissioned May 20<sup>th</sup> 1777 of Botetourt County and supernumerary. The other is described as Ro. Elliott Lt. C. L. – commissioned May 20<sup>th</sup> 1777 and no note is taken of his place of residence, nor mention made of his state, or situation – that is to say – whether he had resigned, was supernumerary, or in actual service.

This document bears no date. But when it is compared with other documents in the 1<sup>st</sup> Auditors office, it will be found that it must have been made, certainly not earlier than the last of the year year 1781 – perhaps the first of the year 1782 – or possibly late in the year 1782. It was probably made after the sitting of the Board of officers in Richmond in Feby and April 1782.

I will mention only one fact, to shew that this Roll must have been made, not earlier than the last of 1781. Richard Booker Capt'n. is mentioned therein, as resigned. He was allowed Bounty land by the Executive for a service of three years, some time during the last year. He became supernumerary, after the reduction of the army in 1781 – and (if he resigned) resigned late in 1781, or sometime in 1782. The Roll was made, after his resignation.

There have been doubts of the authenticity of this paper. But it certainly bears many marks of being a genuine & authentic public Document.

The Journals of Council of May 1777 shew that Ensign Elliott was then engaged in recruiting.

Lt. Ro. Elliott settled his accounts, for a service, from Jan'y. 1<sup>st</sup> 1777 to September 1<sup>st</sup> 1778 (in settlements of Cont'l officers' accounts, on file in 1<sup>st</sup> Auditors Office)

When I reported Ro. Elliott Lt C. L. entitled to bounty land for the war; I did it, with the knowledge, that one Ro. Elliott had receivd land for the war. I would not undertake to say, that he was the Ro Elliott of Botetourt County. The Resolution of the general assembly under which I was acting and the evidence relating to this last mentiond Ro. Elliott, required of me a favourable report upon his claim.

The last account given, by the Public accounts to which I have had access, of Robert Elliott of Botetourt, comes down to about the last of the year 1781 or the first of the year 1782 – he was, then,

supernumerary. There is no reason to believe, he ever resigned his Commissiond – on the contrary, it is to be presum'd, that he was supernumerary to the close of the war: and was entitled to bounty land for the war – accordingly, I so reported him

Respectfully submitted/ John H Smith Comm'r.

To his Excellency/ Gov'r. Tazewell

May 8<sup>th</sup> 1834