Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Long S25233 Transcribed by Will Graves

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United States of America

District of Virginia, to wit;

To Doctor George French, Doctor William French and Doctor James Carmichael of the town of Fredericksburg, in the District aforesaid.

Whereas Application hath been made to me the undersigned District Judge of the United States for the District of Virginia, on behalf of John Long of the County of Spotsylvania, a soldier wounded in the Service of the United States while in the actual line of Duty, during the revolutionary War, as it is alleged, for a Commission to examine and take all such Evidences as may be necessary for substantiating his Claim for an Increase of his pension from the United States, these are therefore to authorize you, or any two of you to call before you the said John Long, together with such witnesses as he shall require to be summoned in his behalf, and to examine them & take their evidence in the manner prescribed by the Act of Congress passed the 10th day of April 1806 entitled "An Act provide for persons who are disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary War;" which act hath been since revived and continued by a subsequent Act of Congress passed the 25th day of April 1812. – And the same to taken to transmit to the Secretary of War, in the manner prescribed by the said recited Act; and for so doing this shall be sufficient Warrant. Given under my hand & seal at Williamsburg, in the District aforesaid this 11th day of February 1817 in the 41st year of the Independence of the United States.

S/S. G. Tucker

Fredericksburg, Virginia to wit

Pursuant to the foregoing Commission to us directed, We the undersigned Commissioners, caused the within named John Long, a wounded Soldier of the Revolutionary War, to come before us, and having carefully examined him, we found it unnecessary to require any further testimony, as the facts of his having faithfully served his Country and received his wounds while in that service have already been satisfactorily proven: And We do hereby severally upon our Solemn Oath declare, it is our Opinion that the Wounds of the said John Long have in paired his Constitution much and so affected his health, that he is thereby entirely prevented from obtaining his Subsistence by Manual Labor: That he is far advanced in years, is very poor, and in our Opinion is well deserving a full Pension.

Given under our hands & seals this 27th February 1817

S/ Geo. French

S/ Jas. Carmichael

[Note: no details of when or where this veteran was wounded are contained in this file. Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck, *Revolutionary War Pensions Awarded by State Governments 1775-1874, the General and Federal Governments Prior to 1814, and by Private Acts of Congress to 1905*, Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2011 page 487 contains an entry for a veteran named John Long who served in the 6th VA Regt.; who lived in Spotsylvania County and

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing February 28, 1817 for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

who died February 14, 1821.]