

Charles County and State of Maryland -

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This is to certify that Colonel William Bruce of Charles County and State of Maryland a distinguished revolutionary soldier personally appeared before me and made oath to the following declaration of facts -

That he the said William Bruce of the County and State aforesaid enlisted and entered as a soldier early in the Army of the ^{State of Maryland} ~~State of Maryland~~ ~~1776~~ in a company of riflemen commanded by Captain George Shieker attached to Colonel William Smallwood's Regiment of regular troops raised for the Defense of the State of Maryland in January 1776; and continued in that Regiment as a soldier untill December of the said year, when he was appointed a second lieutenant in Captain John H. Beans Company in the first Regiment of Continental troops commanded by Colonel John H. Stone and continued in the said command untill the year 1780 when he was promoted to a Captaincy in the said Regiment, and ordered to join the Southern army in which service he continued untill after the defeat at Camden when he was ordered and marched to the Northward and served in a detachment of Continental troops under the command of Major Thomas Landale consisting of five Companies in the year 1782 and then to join General Washington to the Eastward - And (after the cessation of hostilities between the United States and Great Britain) marched to the State of Maryland and was in November 1783 disbanded when the Maryland line of the ^{Army} ~~United States~~ of the United States was discharged and that he is in reduced circumstances -

Sworn before me one of the associate Judges of the first judicial District of Maryland this thirtieth day of March Eighteen hundred and eighteen

John Mousby Plater
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State of Maryland Charles County Co. of Shery
 Certify that the Honorable John Parson States
 before whom the within deposition appears to have
 been made, and whose name is thereto subscribed,
 was on the day of the date thereof, and still is,
 one of the associate Judges of the first Judicial
 District of Maryland (comprehending the Counties of
 Saint Marys, Charles and Prince Georges) duly
 commissioned and sworn and to all whose acts
 as such full faith and credit is and ought to be
 given, as well in Courts of Judicature as otherwise.

In Testimony whereof I have
 hereunto subscribed my name and
 affixed the seal of Charles County
 Court, this third day of April
 Eighteen hundred and Eighteen.

John Parson Clerk of
 Charles County Court

The Honorable
 The Secretary of War
 Sir

I have in pursuance of the direction
 of the act of Congress of the present Session inclosed a
 certificate and the oath of a meritorious revolutionary
 Soldier distinguished for his long faithful and constant
 duties during that glorious contest - His advanced age
 and reduced circumstances being him within the
 provisions of the law; And all Maryland know his
 worth and services. And it affords me
 pleasure in transmitting the necessary documents.

I am Sir with great consideration & respect

Charles County Maryland
 March 30th 1818 -

Yr Obedt Servt
 J. P. Plater