

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land application of William Mountjoy VAS1809

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To the Honorable the Speaker & Members of the house of Delegates the petition of William Mountjoy humbly sheweth

That your petitioner engaged in the service in the 3rd Virginia Regiment in February 1774 as a Subaltern Officer. In the course of the same year he exchanged his commission for that of Quarter Master in the same Regiment. After having acted for some time first as a Regimental & afterwards as a Brigade Quarter Master, he was appointed Pay Master to the 3rd Virginia Regiment in which character he continued to serve till sometime in the spring of 1779 when he retired from the service. Your petitioner begs leave to observe that while he continued in the service though he was in the staff department, so far from shunning the duties of the field he ever sought them in the character of a volunteer. Your petitioner prays that though the letter of the law does not comprehend his case it may be taken into consideration by the Honorable General Assembly and as he has served more than three years, such proportion of land may be granted him as is by law allowed to commissioned Officers of the same rank who have served the same length of time. And your petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray &c

S/ William Mountjoy [not his actual signature]

[Reverse]

Mountjoy's petition June 5th, 1784

Referred to Propositions

(reasonable)

(allowed Capt.'s portion of land)

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