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Virginia documents pertaining to Cornelius Dabney VAS2182
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[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). One online image is illegible.]

To the Governor and Council of State.

The Petition of Cornelius Dabney, represents to your Excellency that his claim for bounty land presented a few years ago was rejected by the Executive [see endnote], as he has been informed because of some insufficiency of the evidence. Your petitioner represents that Certificates, documents, &c. filed in the cases Aimes [Henry Aimes VAS357] and Camfield [Aaron Camfield VAS358], have an important bearing on the Character of the evidence in your petitioner's case; and he respectfully and humbly prays, that your Excellency will reconsider his, and decide upon its merits, with reference to the whole evidence relating to it. That you will grant him the bounty to which he is entitled; and he will pray &c.

Jan'y 1839.

Cornelius Dabney by atty C. S. Morgan

[The file contains a similar petition by John Nail.]

The State of Mississippi Colbert County

At a regular lawful term for the sitting of the Courts for the county aforesaid Robert Adams [VAS2181] and Richard K Meade [Richard Kidder Meade VAS625] of the adjoining County Pickins [sic: Pickens] in the State of Alabama, Cornelius Dabney of the County Laurens in the same state, and John Nail [VAS356] of the adjoining County Monroe in the State of Mississippi, come into open Court and being lawfully sworn, on their oaths saith, That before and after the revolutionary war, they all lived in Bedford County virginia, and in March 1776, Nail, Meade & Adams inlisted and marched into the Continental Service for three years from the town of Liberty in said County Bedford, in the Company commanded by Capt Harry Terrell [Henry Terrell VAS2184] and that Cornelius Dabney above mentioned, marched from the same place, at the same time and into the same service for three years in the company Commanded by Capt. James Chevis [sic: James Chavis VAS1739], all in the fifth Regiment Commanded then by Col Stephens [sic: Adam Stephen]. Adams, Nail and Meade on their lawfull oaths saith, that the said Cornelious Dabney at the time above said, went into the virginia Continental Service on state establishment as an Insign [sic: Ensign] in Capt James Chevis's Company for three years. That said Dabney did constantly and faithfully serve and command in the grade of Insign in said Company & service three successive years. At the end of this term of service Dabney renewed his inlistment – or ingagement for during the war. These affiants at this long day can't say possitively, in what year it ocured, but they all on their oaths do say, they believe it was in 1780 or 81. That Dabney did rise to a Lieutenant, and as such did Command and successively serve, untill the end of that war. We have no recollection now ever to have seen his commission but we know he did usually command as a full Lieutenant and did so Command at the battles Camden [probabl Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781], of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] and at the Seige of little york [Yorktown VA, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]. at that battle a ball from the enemy took off intirely, his left arm. He never was cashiered nor superseded.

Affiants Nail, Adams and Dabney on their oaths say that Richard K Meade above mentioned went into the virginia Continental service on State establishment for three years under Capt Terrells command in the fifth Regiment Commanded by Col Stephens and that said Meade did, in said Continental line, faithfully serve out his three successive years as a Common Soldier, and then left the army with his Captain Thomas McReynolds. These affiants all remained in the army, and in the army and at home after the war, we all were informed and then as now believed it true. That this Meade we believe in the fall of 1780 inlisted again in this same service, for during the war as a private in Capt ___ Jones's Company who was fresh in services & killed at Guilford battle We believe Meade faught as a regular Soldier at the Guilford battle. We know he did at the Seige of york, and we believe he served honorably & constantly to the end of that

war. Affiants Dabney, Nail & Meade on their oaths say. That Robert Adams before mentioned, went into the virginia Continental line on State establishment for three years. and constantly & honorably served out that term of time as a Common Soldier in Capt Terrells Company, and Dabney and Nail furthermore swear (Meade having left the army) That at the expiration of the said three years the said Robert Adams reinlisted in the same continental service for during the war, and he did serve faithfully to the end thereof as a common Soldier. Affiants Meade, Adams & Dabney on their lawfull oaths say, that John Nail before mentioned went into the virginia Continental line on State establishment for three years That nail went into this service as a Sargeant in Capt Harry Terrells Company in the fifth Regiment, commanded by Adam Stephens, Josiah Parker and Charles Scott in succession, That Nail did faithfully in this service and command serve out three successive years and then renewed his engagements in the same service untill that war should end. Affiants Dabney and Adams cant at this long day remember the particular time, but on their oaths they do say, that at some time in the year 1780 or 81 Nail did rise to an Insign and so Commanded fully to the end of the war. He was never cashiered nor superseded.
Sworn to and subscribed in open Court on the fifth day of July Eighteen hundred and thirty three.
Teste Theodore Mason C.C.C Rich'd K Meade/ Robert Adams/ Cornelius Dabney/ John Nail

To his Excellency John Floyd, Governor of Virginia

The petition of Cornelius Dabney, late an Ensign in Capt. James Chevis' Company in the Continental line on state establishment represents, that your petitioner entered the service of his Country, Commissioned and qualified as an Ensign in the said Company, and line, in the war of the Revolution, for the term of three years, and after faithfully serving that term re-entered in the same service for and during the term of the war and continued therein until the end thereof; but before the termination of his service he was promoted to the office Lieutenant. Your petitioner was in the service constantly from March 1776 until the end of the war. His accounts have not been fully settled, nor has he received the land bounty to which he is entiled. He therefore prays your Excellency to order and direct the Register of the land office to issue a warrant or warrants for the full amount of land to which his services entitle him; and he will pray &c
C. Dabney, by his attorney

To his Excellency John Floyd/ Governor of Virginia:

The petition of John Nail, late an Ensign in the Continental line on State State establishment in the war of the revolution, most respectfully represents that in March 1776 he entered the service of the Country as Sergeant in Captain Harry Terrell's Company, while entered for the term of three years; that he served out the said term and re entered in the same capacity, but was shortly afterwards promoted to the office of Ensign, in which office he faithfully served the Country until the end of the war. He has never received his full compensation; and now prays that your Excellency will order that a warrant or warrants be issued by the Register of the Land Office for the full amount of the bounty to which he is entitled. His services continued from the time he entered in March 1776 until the end of the war; and he will pray, &c
John Nail by his attorney

NOTE: A note in the file reads as follows: "Rejected March 19 1840/ Dec'r 27th 1851 Advised to be allowed. Allowed as Lieut. in Continental line for service from the 12th Mar 1776 until the close of the War deducting any allowance heretofore made. J B Floyd." The original, rejected claim of Cornelius Dabney is indexed under the name "Dabney, Corns" among [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#), but it is not available online.