

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Cole Digges VAS3373
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do hereby certify that Cole Digges of the county of King William entered with Captain Bland [Theodorick Bland VAS1859] soon after his appoint by the assembly Captain of Cavalry in June 1776 as a cadet, in which character he served until he was preferred to a Lieutenancy in Blands [Theodorick Bland VAS1859] reg't. of dragoons, where he continued in service to his resignation which took place to the best of my recollection in the autumn of 1779.

Given under my hand this 4th day of December 1807

Henry Lee [BLWt1299-500]

Late Lt. Col. Com. PL [Commandant of Partizan Legion]

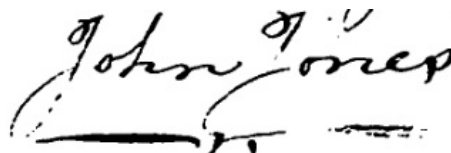
I add with pleasure that Mr Digges was a
meritorious officer & left the service with credit



I Certify that Cole Digges, was an Officer in Blands Redg't. of Dragoons During three years & that just before I was Dischard he was sent to Virginia to recruite

John Jones [VAS1292]

17 Decem 1807



Richmond December 17th 1807

Permit me to state my case to your Excellency & to ask your assistance to procure for me just compensation if the Law sustains my claim.

I joined Captain Bland soon after his appointment in the quality of Cadet & at my own expence maintained myself & horse – with him in that character I joined the main Army & was soon after advanced from my humble station to that of Lieutenant in his Regiment of dragoons.

I continued with him until the close of 78 when I was sent home to recruit & was constantly engaged in the recruiting service, till my resignation, in the close of 79.

I was appointed a Major to Collo. E. Meade's [Everard Meade BLWt2063-300] Legion & sered in that character, by active & expensive exertions, to recruit the same.– For the Latter service I have rec'd nothing, nor can I discover that I have any prospect of receiving anything; For the former service I have received nothing, but I do Learn, that I am entitled to the Land bounty, – My application for the same never was made, as I had erroneously measured by period of service by personal presence with the Army; when I ought to have comprehended the months assigned to recruiting, which lasted till resignation, about the last of 79.

The vouchers substantiating my services, I enclose.

I am with Great Respect your Excellency's Mo. Ob'nt Ser'nt

Cole Digges



Laurel Farm (Hanover Cou'y) October 30th 1811.

Sir Permit Me to state my case to you & to ask your assistance to procure for Me just compensation, if the Law sustains my claim.

In March 1781, the general Assembly passed an Act that two Legions be forthwith raised for the defence of the State to serve dureing the War and each Legion to be commanded by a Lieutenant Colonel commandant, two Majors, & the whole by a Brigadier General to be chosen by joint ballot of both houses of assembly;

I was chosen a Major to one of these Legions and served under Colonel Edward Meade in that character by active & expensive exertion to recruit the same; For this service I have received nothing, but I do Learn that I am entitled to the Land bounty.

For proof of my appointment I beg leave to refer you to the journals of the Legislature at their session in March 1781.

By an Act concerning the two Legions raised by this State passed in Richmond in October 1782, the Executive are authorised to disband by proclamation the said Legions when ever they may [illegible word] it necessary or expedient, this was done, and I served until the Legion was disbanded by Proclamation.

From the decease of our General officers and also Colonel Meade (under whom I served) I suppose it will be difficult to obtain such proof of my service as the Law points out, but I shall authenticate my claim by the best evidence that the nature of the case will admit.

Colonel Smith [George Smith, Lt. Gov.]

I am with the greatest respect Sir our Mo. Ob't Ser'nt
Cole Digges

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Cole Digges". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Cole Digges".

