

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to William Nelson VAS377

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

In the House of delegates

December 19th 1783

Resolved that the Petition of William Nelson praying that he may be allowed the same bounty in Lands as is given by Law to Lieutenant Colonels serving 3 years in the Continental Army is reasonable

1783 December 20th

Teste S/ J. Backley, CHD

agreed to by the Senate

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A Copy Test

S/ John Backley CHD

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Hanover County Legislative Petitions

To the honorable the Speaker and Members of the house of Delegates

The Memorial of Lieutenant Colonel William Nelson

humbly represents

That your memorialist was among the first who took arms against the British King in the late glorious contest; that he served as a common soldier on the volunteer establishment; that in that service he actually enlisted a considerable number of Men, as did indeed many other gentlemen of this State; that he was appointed Major in the seventh Virginia Regiment; that he rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Continental line; that after having served two years in the regular Army, not without some degree of credit, he flatters himself, and when he had actually a right to a full Colonel's commission, the ill state of his health obliged him to retire from the Army, which he did with the permission of his excellency the commander in chief [George Washington]; and that since that time he has in every invasion had the honor to command regiments of Militia. Your memorialist therefore hopes your honorable Assembly will take his case under consideration, and allow him such bounty in land as has been bestowed on gentlemen in a similar predicament, and as to them may appear just.

And your memorialist &c

[Reverse]

Nelson's petition

November 20: 1783

Referred to Propositions

Reasonable – Stated

Specially