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Virginia Pension Application of John Spotswood VAS453
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[The following is from [Revolutionary bounty-warrant papers in the Library of Virginia](#):]

This may Certify that Captain John Spotswood has served in the Virga line of Continental Troops from the 19th day of November 1776 to date, and is still in service

Given under my hand the 9th of Ap'l 1783

G Weedon BG [George Weedon Brigadier General]

[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#).]

This is to Certify that John Spotswood Esq'r. received a wound by a Ball at the Battle of Germantown which shattered his right thigh-bone, that he languished under immense pain in a most dangerous situation many months, that his confinement afterward was tedious & painfull, as many large peices of the bone were extracted, & numerous deep incisions made to discharge great collections of matter. And that it is my opinion he is liable to further confinement, as I conceive his wounds will break out afresh, if indisposed by Fever, & which has really happened every year since his misfortune. Given under my hand
Stafford County 1st Oct'r /85 R Wellford

[Addressed to "The Honb'le James Maddison [sic: James Madison] Esq'r of Orange, Richmond"]

Enclosed is a Certificate from the Surgeon who attended me untill two years after my arrival in Virginia, which I hope will be sufficient to entitle me to the same benefits that Officers in the same Situation have rec'd. I have never received any Commutation [full pay for five years], as others have who likewise receive half pay during life from this state however justly, I am entitiled to ever Emolument, that Officers in my Situation have received. I shall be perfectly contented with whatever my Country thinks proper to give me. Since the 4 day of October 1777 I have been persecuted with my wound & can with truth say never man sufferd more than I did for five years, and still feel at times the most Excruciating pains. I have been confined almost all this summer by my wounds breaking out three different times, tho thank God I am very well now

Exclusive of my sufferings my expences while a Prisinor, and since has been very great considering my circumstances, haveing paid upwards of 250 pounds specie for necessary provisions while in Philadelphia, Surgeons fees &c. I paid the last cash I was endebted on that account, a few days ago to Neil McCoull[?] to the amt. of 58.7.6 for cash Borroughed in Philadelphia the payment of w'h moneys, which Necessity compeled me to take up has been very inconvenient so my finances are not more than with economy to provide for a numerous family —

Any fav'r. you may do for me in that matter will ever be thankfully acknowledged with Gratitude. I am sir with much Respect
Your most Obt. Servt./ Jno Spotswood
Orange Oct'r 28 1785

Captain John Spotswood who was put on the Pension list by the Executive, in the year 1785 with an allowance of £79 pr annum, Desires to be continued. His certificates & papers were examined & considered when he was admited a Pensioner. He received the wounds at the Battle of Germantown when he was a Captain in the 10th Virginia Regiment. and Received the wound within mentioned at the Battle of German Town on the 4th day of October 1777.

Given under my hand this 6th January 1787. James Wood Late B.G.