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Virginia Rejected Claim for Abel Westfall VAS612

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Washington 7 Feby 1832

Dear Sir At the request of a poor but meritorious family I take the liberty of enclosing to you a letter from the pension office with my request that you will cause inquiries to me made in the Registers office at Richmond and the result communicated.

with great respect/ yr most obt servt
John Tipton

War Department/ Pension Office/ February 3 1832

Sir, In answer to the enquiry contained in the letter from Mr. Ruble, I have to inform you that it appears from the Books of this Office that Abel Westfall was a Captain in the Virginia continental line during the Revolution, and that he was paid for his services the sum of £158.18.4 Virginia currency. But in what regiment he served, under what General Officer, I am unable to say, as the records afford no further evidence than what I have already given above. Perhaps the Register of the Land Office, at Richmond, Virginia, may be able to give some more particular information, and will probably inform you whether the heirs have any claim to land bounty from the State of Virginia. I have referred your letter with Mr. Ruble's, to the Bounty Land Office of this Department, from which you will get some intelligence respects U. S. Bounty Land.

I have the honor to be/ Very respectfully/ Your Obt. Sert.
J. L. Edwards

Hon. John Tipton/ Senate U. S.

NOTES:

A note in the file states: "adv[ise]d to be Rejected/ 14 June 1832."

The pension applications for Abraham Westfall (W9883) and Cornelius Westfall (S36842) state that their brother, Abel Westfall (or "Able Westfall"), was a Captain in the 8th Virginia Continental Regiment from the spring of 1776 until the spring of 1778.