

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

ARRANGEMENT OF FIELD OFFICERS AND CAPTAINS IN THE VIRGINIA CONTINENTAL LINE
MADE BY GEN. WILLIAM WOODFORD AND OTHERS AT CAMP RAMAPO NJ, 23 SEP 1779

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Arrangmt of the Field Officers & Captns in the Virginia line 23 Sept'r 1779
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Commissions wanted in the Virginia line the 23^d Sept'r 1779

1 Regmt	
Captns	{ James Cuthbertson [James Culbertson]. 12 May 1779 { Holman Minnis. 25 June
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Cap'n Lieut	Archibald Denholm. d[itt]o
Lieut	{ Mathew Clay. 25 June 1779 { Ballard Smith. July 22
=	
Ensigns	{ Jacob Brown. Sep 15 1778 { Philip Courteney [Philip Courtney]. July 4 d'o

2 Regt	
Major	Charles Pelham. 25 June 1779
Cap'n	John P Harrison [John Peyton Harrison]. 4 May 1777 Thomas Catlett. 8 March 1779
Cap'n Lt	John Worsham. 8 Mar 1779
Lieuts	Francis Coward [Francis Cowherd]. 10 Feby 1777 Valentine Harrison
=	
	John Coleman. 4 July 1779 Peyton Powell. d'o d'o George Blackmore. d'o d'o

3 Regmt.	
Cap	Wm Bentley [William Bentley]. 1779 Robert Beale [Robert Beall]. 19 June 1779 Leroy Edwards. d'o d'o
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Cap Lt	John Fitzgerald. d'o d'o
Lieuts	David Miller. Dec'r 21 1779 Wm Stevens [William Stevens]. June 19 1779 David Allen. d'o d'o
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Ensigns	Philip Clayton. July 4 1779 James Delaplane. d'o d'o

4 Regmt

Lt Colo Sam'l Jordon Cabell [Samuel Jordan Cabell]..... 15 Dec'r 1778

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Captns {Leonard Cooper..... 1779
{James Curry..... 23 Sept 1779

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Cap'n Lt William Lovely [William Lewis Lovely]. d'o d'o

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{Philip Eastan [Philip Easton]..... Aug 10 1778

{Philip Huffman. 9 March 1779

Liets {Peter Higgins..... d'o d'o

{Benjamin Lawson. d'o d'o

{Thos Miller [Thomas Miller]. 23 Sepr 1779

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Javan Miller. July 4 1779

Robert Keys. d'o d'o

Wm Scott [William Scott]. d'o d'o

5 Regmt

Lt Colo John Webb. 4 July 1779

Major Thos Hill [Thomas Hill]..... d'o d'o

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Cap'n William White..... 4 July 1779

Cap'n Lt Tarpley White. 29 Aug't d'o

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{John White. July 4 1779

Lieuts {Mathew Ray..... d'o d'o

{Benjam Mosely [Benjamin Moseley]. Aug 29 d'o

6 Regmt

Cap'n James Williams. Sep 10 1778

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Cap Lt Thomas Hoard [Thomas Hord]..... d'o d'o

=

Lt John Hackley..... d'o d'o

7 Regmt

Captns {Philip Slaughter..... Nov 1 1778

{Josiah Marks [Isaiah Marks]. May 10 1779

{James Wright. July 2 d'o

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Cap Lt Robert Porterfield..... d'o d'o

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Lieuts John Barns. Nov 7 1778

Benjamin Ashby. March 181779

Reuben Long. May 10 1779

David Williams..... July 2 1779

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Ensigns {Robert Rankin. }
 {Samuel Philips. } 4 July 1779
 {Spencer Morgan. }
 John Lee. }

8 Regmt

Lt Colo Jonathan Clark. May 10 1779
 Major Andrew Waggoner [Andrew Waggener]. Dec 15 1778

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Captns {Presly Nevill [Presley Nevill]. Dec 15 1778
 {Abraham Hite. Ap'1 14 1779

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Cap'n Lt Joseph Swearingen. 14 Ap'1 1779

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Lts Albert Russell. Dec 15 1778
 Wm Porter [William Porter]. Ap'1 14 1779

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Ensigns {Thos Wallace [Thomas Wallace]. June 2 1779
 {Joseph Vanmetre [Joseph Vanmeterr]. July 4 d'o
 {Edward Williams. d'o d'o

10 Regmt

Major William Lewis. May 12 1779

Cap'n Thos Holt [Thomas Holt]. March 12 1779

Cap'n Lt Nathaniel Terry. d'o d'o

Lts Richard Worsham. Mar 12 1779

David Meriwether. May 7 d'o

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Ensigns {Simpson Foster. } July 4 1779
 {Elisha King. }

11 Reg't

Lt Charles Stewart [Charles Stuart]

At a meeting of the Brigadiers & Field Officers of the Virginia line at Camp Ramapough, September 23, 1779 agreeable to the directions of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, for the purpose of making a proper arrangement of the Officers of the Virginia line

Present

Brigadiers	[William] Woodford	Lieut Colo	[Thomas] Gaskins
	Muhlenburg [Peter Muhlenberg]	Majors	[Samuel Jordan] Cabell
Colonels	[James] Wood		[Jonathan] Clark
	[John] Nevill		[David] Stephenson
Lt Colo	[Burges] Ball		[William] Croghan
	[Samuel] Hawes		

The Officers having had under their consideration as well the proceedings of the Committee of Arrangement at White Plains as the subsequent Resolutions of Congress of the 24th of November 1778, which were in consequence of the report of their Committee, are of the opinion, that all the Officers intitled to a rise, should take it from the time the vacancy happened, without having regard to Officers

who were made Prisoners of War, previous to the commencement at White plains, and have founded their opinion on the following facts: That when the arrangement was made, a full meeting of the general & Field Officers of the Virginia line, were desired by the Committee of Arrangement, to propose some equitable mode of arranging the Officers and doing justice to the Prisoners of War: which Board were then of opinion, that the Prisoners should be considered as Supernumerary until their exchange, but not out of the line: that upon their exchange, they should have the liberty of coming into the line, and that the Junior Officer of the same rank should retire upon the provision of Congress, in order to make room for such prisoner. 2^d. That this plan was approved by the Committee of Arrangement, and they have never understood it was rejected by Congress, but on the contrary they are inclined to think, that the Resolution of Congress of the 24th of November was meant as an improvement of the plan – that it certainly must have been their idea that all vacancies should be filled up, and that upon exchange of prisoners of war, they should be entitled to half pay untill a vacancy happen when they should have a right to come again into the line, with the same rank they would have been intitled to, if they had not been captured – They are further of Opinion that the Board of Officers appointed at Middle Brook in March last, in their proceedings could have no retrospective view, and that their determination only affects such Officers as have been captured subsequent to the Arrangement at White plains; there seems to have been a mistake in the memorandum made by the board at Middle Brook, where they say that all vacancies were left open which in reality was not the case; except in one or two Regiments, the vacancy occasioned by Lieutenant Colonel [Charles] Fleming's resignation could not be filled up at that time, as it was known, agreeable to this opinion they have formed an arrangement, conformable to the spirit of the Resolution of Congress giving Major Cabell and Captain Waggoner rank from the date of Lieutenant Colonel Flemings resignation, as well as all other officers who are, agreeable to this plan, intitled to promotion, which will fully appear by the annexed arrangement.

The Board beg leave to represent that the arrangement of the Officers of the Ninth Regiment is erroneous, and that unless the mistake is rectified, it will be injurious to the Officers of the other Regiments, as the Officers of the Ninth by this arrangement take rank from their appointments, while the others only rank from the time they inlisted their Respective Quotas of men.

The Board beg leave to report that Captain Issaac Israel [Isaac Israel] of the fourth regiment has been absent about sixteen months – that he has been repeatedly called upon to join his Regiment without effect. That he had offered to resign at different times and there was reason to believe that he did not consider himself in the line, and that several other Officers in the line have been long absent – and have failed to join their Regiments or give satisfactory reasons for their absence

Wm Woodford Brig Genl/ Peter Muhlenburg B. G'l./ James Wood Colo 8 V. Regt/
John Nevill Colo. 4 V. Regt/ B Ball Lt Colo 1st V. Reg/ Sam'l Hawes Lt Colo 4 V. Regt/
Thos Gaskins Lt Colo 3 V Reg/ Sam'l Jordan Cabell Maj'r 10/ Jonathan Clark Maj'r 8th/
David Stephenson Major 11th/ Wm Croghan Major 4th

Rank Roll of the Field Officers & Captains in the Virginia line September 23^d 1779

		Regm't.	
Colon.	1	Dan'l Morgan [Daniel Morgan]	7 comm'd Nov 12 1776
	2	James Wood	8 d'o
	3	William Russel [William Russell]	5 Dec'r 19
	4	Christian Febiger	2 Sep'r 26 1777
	5	John Gibson	9 Octo 25
	6	John Nevill	4 Dec 11
	7	John Green	6 Jany 26 1778
	8	Richard Parker	1 Feby 10
	9	William Davies	10 March 20
	10	William Heth	3 April 30
	11	Abraham Buford	11 May 16
Lt Colos	1	Chs Simms [Charles Simms]	2 12 July 1777
	2	John Cropper	7 Octo 27
	3	Burges Ball	1 17 Dec'r
	4	Richard Campbell	9 20 Feby 1778
	5	Samuel Hawes	6 1 March
	6	Gustavus B Wallace [Gustavus Brown Wallace]	11 20
	7	Thomas Gaskins	3 16 May
	8	Samuel Hopkins	10 19 June
	9	Sam'l Jordan Cabell	4 15 Dec'r
	10	Jonathan Clark	8 10 May 1779
	11	John Webb	5 4 July
Majors	1	Richard Taylor	9 4 Feby 1778
	2	Richard C Anderson [Richard Clough Anderson]	1 10
	3	Thomas Ridley	6 1 March
	4	James Lucas	3 23 April
	5	Thomas Posey	7 30
	6	David Stephenson	11 4 May
	7	William Croghan	4 16
	8	Andrew Waggoner [Andrew Waggener]	8 15 Dec'r
	9	William Lewis	10 12 May
	10	Charles Pelham	2 25 June
	11	Thomas Hill	5 4 July
Captains	1	William Taylor	2 21 Nov 1776
	2	William Mosely	5 13 Dec'r
	3	Peter B Bruin [Peter Bryan Bruin]	7 d'o
	4	Robert Beal [Robert Beall]	9 15
	5	Benjamin Harrison	9 16
	6	Henry Young	5 28
	7	Nathan Reed [Nathaniel Reed]	10 28 Jany 1777
	8	John Gilleson [John Gillison]	6 17 Feby
	9	Richard Stevens	6 18
	10	Will'm Vauce [William Vause]	8 19 Feby 1777
	11	Wm Johnston [William Johnston]	7 19
	12	John Gregory	11 23
	13	John Stith	4 12 March

14	Andrew Wallace	8	13
15	John Marks	10	15
16	James Grey	11	16
17	John Winston	10	17
18	Thomas Edmonds [Thomas Edmonds]	11	
19	Thomas Bowyer	8	5 April
20	Peter Jones	10	10
21	John P Harrison [John Peyton Harrison]	2	4 May
22	Alex'r Parker [Alexander Parker]	2	1 st June
23	Jason Riddick	4	10
24	John Marshall	7	1 July
25	Thomas Wills	11	21
26	Samuel Bowker [Samuel Booker]	11	1 august
27	Abraham Kirkpatrick	4	10
28	John Anderson	3	12
29	Hugh Woodson [Hughes Woodson]	6	2 Sept'r
30	John Blackwell	3	15
31	Benjamin Taliafero [Benjamin Taliaferro]	2	23
32	John Overton	10	4 Octob
33	Valentine Peyton	3	d'o
34	Claybourn W Lawson [Claiborne W Lawson]	1	18
35	Callahal Minnis [Callohill Minnis]	1	18 Nov'r
36	Isaac Israel	4	23 struck out & Capt Lt
			James Curry 23 Septr 1779
37	Clough Shelton	6	13 Jany 1778
38	Thomas Moore	9	23
39	Adam Wallace	5	29
40	Tarlton Payne [Tarleton Payne]	1	4 Feby
41	John Stokes	2	20 Feby 1778
42	Rob Gamble [Robert Gamble]	8	7 March
43	Simon Morgan	9	15
44	John Steed	4	30
45	Custis Kendall	1	26 May
46	Robert Vance	9	19 Aug
47	Uriah Springer	9	25
48	Nathan Lamme	6	10 Septr
49	James Williams	6	d'o
50	Thomas Buckner	5	3 Octobr
51	Philip Slaughter	7	1 Nov'r
52	Presly Nevill [Presley Nevill]	8	15 Dec'r
53	Thomas Catlett	2	8 March 1779
54	Thomas Holt	10	12
55	Abraham Hite	8	14 April
56	William Bentley	3	
57	Josiah Marks [Isaiah Marks]	7	10 May
58	James Cuthbertson [James Culbertson]	1	12
59	Mayo Carrington	5	d'o
60	Lawrence Butler	11	14

	61	Leonard Cooper	4	
	62	Robert Beal [Robert Beall]	3	19 June
	63	Leroy Edwards	3	
	64	Holman Minnis	1	25 June
	65	James Wright	7	2 July
	66	William White	5	4
	67	James Curry	4}	23 Sept' r 1779
				vice Israel struck out}
Captn}		Archibald Denholm	1	25 June 1779
Lieut }		John Worsham	2	8 March 1779
		John Fitzgerald	3	19 June 1779
		William Lovely [William Lewis Lovely]	4	23 Sept'r 1779
		Tarpley White	5	29 Augt 1779
		Thomas Hoard [Thomas Hord]	6	10 Sept' r 1778
		Robert Porterfield	7	2 July 1779
		Joseph Swearingen	8	14 Ap'1 1779
		Benjamin Biggs	9	7 Nov 1778
		Nath'l Terry [Nathaniel Terry]	10	12 March 1779
		Robert Macbride [Robert McBride]	11	14 May 1779

Besides the foregoing Arrangement of Field Officers & Captains – (The Capt'n Lieut's are only regimentally digested in the arrangement of the Board) copied from the Arrangement of Generals Woodford & Muhlenburg &c of the 23^d of Sept 1779 not transcribed. – they made a Regimental Arrangement at the end of which they subjoined the following memorandum under their signatures.

“Note the Board have thought it necessary to make out a true copy of the State of the whole Arrangement of the Virginia line, as made out at White plains in Sept 1778 & at middle Brook in March 1779 in order that the whole may appear at one point of view. They have not undertaken to determine any disputes of rank, or making alterations in the dates heretofore settled – those Officers who are intitled to a rise will appear by the word “promoted” opposite their names, such as have never received their Commissions and marked *”

NOTES:

Dates are when commissions were to take effect.

The previous arrangements referred to are as follows:

[Arrangement of Commissioned Officers of the Virginia Continental Line at White Plains NY, 14 Sep 1778](#)

[Arrangement of Commissioned Officers of the VA Continental Line at Middlebrook NJ, March 1779](#)

See also the [Arrangement of Commissioned Officers of the Virginia Continental Line, Chesterfield Court House VA, 10 Feb 1781](#).

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