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Pension Application of Jean Baptiste De Lomagne BLWt1003-400

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[The original application is in French.]

claim

for obtaining a grant of land in the United States of America.

statement of service of Viscount de Lomagne in the United States.

entered the service with the rank of captain – 2 February 1778.

promoted to the rank of Major in the Independent Corps of Colonel [Charles] Armand – 6 January 1779 but to take the rank of Major from 11 April 1778.

Campaigns

Served as Captain and Major in four campaigns, in 1778, 1779, 1780 and 1781. Under the orders of Generals [Edward] Hand, [Horatio] Gates, Muhlainberg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] and Baron Steuben. Having certificates from the aforesaid Generals.

Left the service of the United States of America – 24 September 1781, by permission of Congress because of grave illness.

[Original in French] Orthés
(Basses-Pyrenées)

The undersigned Pierre-Raimond Poumiés, Certifying Notary at Orthés, Department of Basses-Pyrenées, certifies that Mr. Jean Viscount De Lomagne, veteran, residing at Berenx, district of Orthés in the aforesaid department of Basses-Pyrenées, born in the said Berenx on 3 March 1754, is living and present today before me. In witness whereof by these presents, he has signed with me in Orthés, February eighth, one eighteen hundred and twenty.

Le V'te. de Lomagne

Poumiés Not. Cer.

[The following two commissions were evidently copied by someone not at ease in English.]

In Congress

the delegates of the united states of the new hampshire masachusetts Bay, Rodesland, connectiart, newyork, new jersey, pensilvania, delaware, marisland, virginie, nortte caroline, South caroline, and georgie. Mr. Lomagne

To His Excellency

The Secretary of the Department of War of the United States, in Washington.

Sir:

The Viscount de Lomagne has the honor to bring to the attention of your excellency the record of his services and campaigns and to beg the kindness of the United States of a grant of land appropriate to the rank of major in the South, if possible. His gratitude will equal his perfect respect Sir

Your Excellency's very humble and very obedient

Viscount de Lomagne
veteran residing at Berenx, district of Orthés,
Department of Basses-Pyrenées, (France).

We reposing special trust and confidence in your patriotisme valour, conduct, and fidelity do by these presents constitute, Captain....

Yorktown (pensilvania) 2 February 1778.

attest. By order of Congress. henri Laurence [sic: Henry Laurens] President
Char's tomson Secret'e

The united states of america in congress assembled.

to jhon baptiste viscount de Lomagne greeting We reposing a special trust and confidence in your patriotism, valour, conduct and fidelity do by these presents constitute and appoint you to be major of the independent corps commandet by colonel armand in the army of the united states to take rang as major from the 11 day of april 1778. You are therefor carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of major by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging....

Witness his excelency jhon jay esquire President of the congress of the united states of america at philadelphia the sixth day of january 1777[page torn] and the third year of our independancy.

Attest'd. john jay

P'r Smith Secretary of the board of War.

By the united States in congress assembled.

Resolved September 24th 1781.

That major Lomagne of Colonel armands Legion be permitted to retire from the Service of the united States in which he has distinguished himself by his personal bravery, his state of health not permitting his continuance in the Service.

Ordered [signature, possibly that of Thomas McKean, President of Congress, has been cut out]

That the remainder of the report respecting the settlement of major Lomagne accounts be refered to the superintendant of Finance.

Extract from the minute. Char's. thomson Secret'y.

[Original in French]

We the undersigned, Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Court of France, certify that the papers here annexed (which make mention of the conduct, bravery and intelligence of Sir Lomagne, Major of Cavalry with Armand's Legion in the service of the U. States) are authentic, and should be so judged.

[Evidently written by Benjamin Franklin before 1785. In the letter mentioned in the endnote, De Lomagne refers to a certificate from "*Le fameux Docteur franklin.*" A note on the page indicates that the signature had been cut from the page before 10 Jan 1912.]

NOTE: The file includes a letter dated 10 July 1820 signed "Viscount de Lomagne Tarride" apologizing for writing in French, having forgotten the English language.