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Bounty Land Claim of John Overton BLWt1615-300 VA
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Louisa County Virginia
Decem. 11th 1805

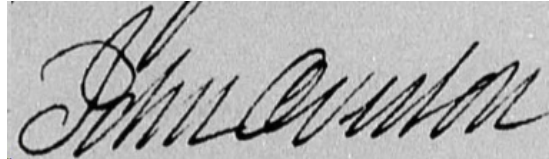
Sir [Henry Dearborn, Secretary of War],

I am informed that my Warrant of Three hundred acres of Land as a Captain has been returned to your office, unacted on. If it is not delv'd. to James Taylor of Cambell [sic: Campbell] County, Kentucky, to whome I have heretofore given an order, and to no other person or body, made any alienations or transfers, please to deliver it to Gen'l. David Meriwether who can solve any doubts as to the identity & services. I am sir Y'r.Hb.S't.

John Overton Late Capt. Virg'a Cont. Line

Teste George Terrill

Robert Meriwether



[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I hereby Certify, that in the month of Sept'r. 1776 By order of the Committee of Safety, I succeeded Colo. Adam Stephens [sic: Adam Stephen] in the Command of the forces ordered to the defence of Portsmouth & Norfolk, and being vested with Power to give such Assistance to Capt. Faukner [possibly Ralph Falkner BLWt514-400] as I might Judge necessary, for carrying on those Fortifyctions, at & near Norfolk & Portsmouth; I did appoint John Overton Esq'r. an Engineer which office he took on him shortly after my arrival at the place above mentioned, & whose conduct met with my highest approbation

Given under my hand this 22nd Day of March 1800.



In Council May 3^d 1800

O n consideration of the Case of Capt. John Overton who claims a bounty of Land for seven yers services in the late war. The Board are of opinion that the time of service commenced from September 1776 when he was called upon to act as Enginer for the Defence of Portsmouth & Norfolk by Colo. Merideth [sic: Samuel Meredith], under the Authority of the Committee of Safety

Extract from the minutes/ O Blair C.C.