

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elisha King BLWt324-200

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[Cover page]

Va. King, Elisha B.L.Wt324-200
issued February 14, 1807
Delivered to L. Goodwyn [sic, should be "P. Goodwyn"]

7th of March 1806

Sir,

Elisha King a Lieutenant in the late Virginia Line makes application through me for his military donation [?]¹ Land for his services, you will find that he served to the close of the war.

I am, Sir

Yr. Obt. Sert.

S/ P. Goodwyn²

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'P. Goodwyn', written in dark ink on a light-colored, textured paper.

¹ *Annation*

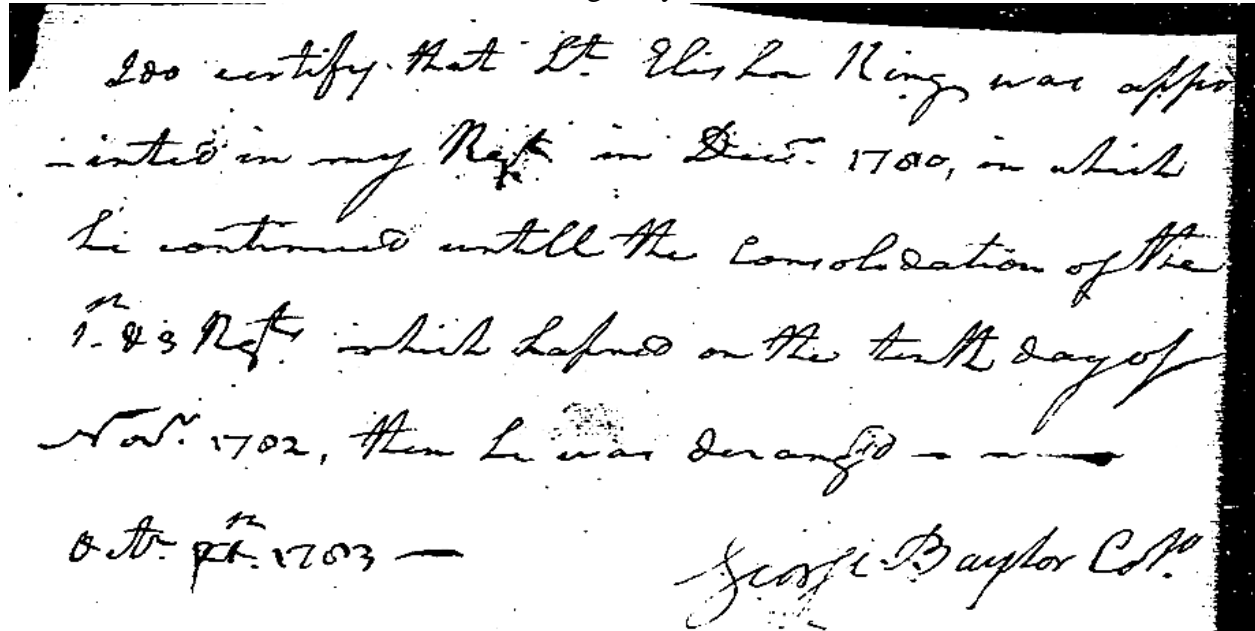
² GOODWYN, Peterson, a Representative from Virginia; born at "Martins," near Petersburg, Dinwiddie County, Va., in 1745; received his education from private tutors; completed preparatory studies; engaged in planting; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1776 and commenced practice in Petersburg, Va., and surrounding counties; during the Revolutionary War equipped his own company and rose from captain to major; was promoted to colonel for gallantry at the battles of Smithfield and Great Bridge; member of the State house of delegates 1789-1802; elected as a Republican to the Eighth and to the seven succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1803, until his death at his home, "Sweden," in Dinwiddie County, Va., February 21, 1818; interment in the family burying ground on his estate. <http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=G000306>

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do certify that Lt. Elisha King was appointed in my Regiment in December 1780, in which he continued until the Consolidation of the 1st & 3rd Regiments which happened on the 10th day of November 1782, then he was deranged.

October 21st, 1783

S/ George Baylor, Colo.



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Oct. 21st 1783 - - -
George Baylor Colo.

I Certified that Mr. Elisha King entered as Sergeant in my Regiment of Virginia Continental's the first day of January 1777 and continued in it as such till he was appointed an Ensign in the beginning of July 1779 but his Commission bears date from the July before, he continued to act as such till the first December 1780 when he accepted an appointment in the Cavalry Mr. King acted a month or 2 as quartermaster in the troops at Chesterfield Court House.

September 11, 1783

S/ William Davies, Colo.

[A Copy - signed J Pendleton Jr.]

To the Governor and Council of Virginia

The undersigned begs leave to respectfully represent to the Executive of Virginia, that in the fall of 1776 he enlisted as a Sergeant in the 14th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles Lewis, in which capacity he served until July 1779 at which time he received the commission of Ensign in the same Regiment, then commanded by Colonel William Davis [William Davies], which he held till the year 1780 when he was promoted to a lieutenantcy under the immediate command of General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] in which capacity he continued to serve as an infantry officer till after the battle of the "Cowpens" [January 17, 1781]. After this battle, he resigned his commission in the infantry and without quitting the field immediately received the commission of Lieutenant of cavalry in Colonel Baylor's Regiment of horse commanded by Lieutenant Colonel William Washington in which capacity he continued to serve till the end of the war.

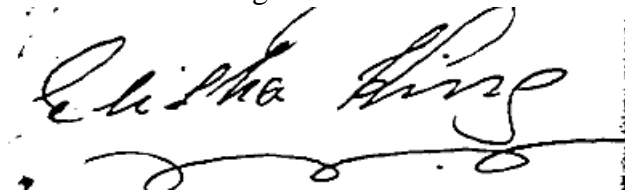
In confirmation of this statement the undersigned begs leave to refer your Honorable

body to the records of the Register's office and to two certificates to be found filed in the Clerk's Office of the executive Department given by Colonels Davis and Baylor.

The undersigned, having already received of the General government the bounty of 2666 2/3 acres of land, the arrearages of pay in what was formerly denominated the "final settlement;" together with the commutation for half pay for life promised to those who should serve to the end of the war, now claims of his native state the fulfillment of her promise. A promise made under the guarantee of public Faith, a promise made to men who done much to achieve her independence and to advance her present high destiny; a promise which the undersigned may now claim to be fulfilled, if, loss of blood, a shattered constitution, privations endured and [indecipherable words]³ displayed to the end in her cause, can establish a right in his favor.

Dinwiddie County
Virginia
December 8th, 1817

with all respect
S/ Elisha King

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elisha King". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. Below the signature is a horizontal line with a decorative flourish at the end. To the right of the signature, there is a vertical line with some small text next to it, which is partially cut off.

³ *per [unclear] [unclear]*

[What I believe to be the first word is hyphenated with the "per" appearing on one line in the balance of the word on the next line.]