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Pension Application of Granville Smith R17957

VA

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Pension Office

March 21 1850

I certify that I have examined the claim of the Administrator on the Estate of Granville Smith, deceased, under the Act of Congress of the 5th July 1832 entitled "An act to provide for liquidating and paying certain claims of the State of Virginia." That I find the said Smith to have been an Ensign and Quarter Master in the Virginia State Garrison Regiment at the time of its reduction in the Spring [sic: 6 Feb] of the year seventeen hundred and eighty one, when he became supernumerary, that he was consequently entitled to half pay from that time, that his half pay as an Ensign was paid from the twenty second of April seventeen hundred and eighty three, and that there is consequently now due, half pay as an Ensign at the rate of ten dollars per month from the first day of June seventeen hundred and eighty one to the twenty-second of April, seventeen hundred and eighty three, and as a Quarter Master at the rate of six dollars and fifty cents per month, from the first day of June seventeen hundred and eighty one to the twenty first day of February eighteen hundred and eleven, that being the day of his decease, and that the same is payable to Francis A. Dickins, Attorney substitution of Tarlton P. Smith, Administrator on the estate of the said Granville Smith, deceased.

~~J. L. Edwards~~

Commissioner of Pensions

Approved

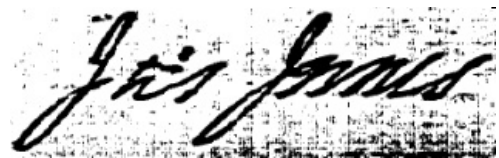
J. Ennis/ Secretary of the Interior

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

Williamsburg February 21st 1784

In the month of February 1780 at which period I acted as president of the Board of War in this State I very perfectly recollect and do by this certificate declare it to be a truth that in the adoption of sundry Resolutions of Congress for the Reform of the army Mr James Kemp [R15581] and Mr Granville Smith assistant Quatermasters General to Colo Chas Porterfield [Charles Porterfield BLWt1145-450] who was Quater Master General of this State were appointed and commissioned by the Supreme Executive at the recommendation of the Board war Ensigns to the State Garrison Regiment under which appointment they became entitled to all the Rights and priveledges incident to their Rank. Immediately after their appointment these gentlemen's names were enter'd on the Roster of the State Garrison Regiment.

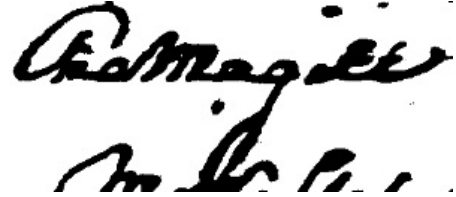
Jas Innis [James Innis]



Richmond 3^d March 1784.

I do hereby certify that in the arrangement of the State Garrison Regiment made in February 1780 by Colo. Charles Porterfield Mr James Kemp, & Mr Granville Smith were Commissioned and arranged as Ensigns in the said Regiment, which further appears from their Commissions bearing rank from the 16th of that month and that on the march of the detachment of Troops from this State to the Southward they were left behind to conduct the quarter masters department as assistant quarter masters to the said Colo Porterfield who was then quarter M'r Gen'l of the state. These Gentlemens' names not being inserted in the return given into the Board of Officers, on the reduction of the regiment must have been owing to an omission of the Adjutant – otherwise originated from his being guided by the arrangement of the regiment prior to their appointments, in making out the return.

Cha Magill [Charles Magill W5336] late
Maj. State G. Reg't



[From Virginia Half Pay Pension Application File.]

Virginia to wit,

Pleas at the Capitol in the City of Richmond on Thursday the first day of September in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and ninety one, Before the Judges duly allotted to the District Court directed by Law to be holden for the District composed of the Counties Henrico, Hanover, Chesterfield, Goochland and Powhatan.

Re it remembered, That at this same Term to wit, on Saturday the tenth day of September in the year aforesaid Granville Smith late an Ensign in the State Garrison Regiment by his attorney presented to the said Court his petition and appeal from a decision of the Auditor of Public accounts, in the words following (to wit)

To the Honorable the Judges of the circuit Court now in session in Richmond
The petition of Granville Smith sheweth, that your petitioner was appointed and commissioned an Ensign in the State Garrison Regiment in the month of February 1780; That he continued in actual service for some time after the reduction of said Regiment, in the Spring of 1781; after which period he became a supernumerary, and continued so to the end of the war. That during that time, he was not again called into service, nor did he resign his said commission. From these circumstances our petitioner considers himself entitled to commutation as an Ensign under the Laws of the State. The Auditor of public accounts, notwithstanding, hath refused to issue certificates and warrants therefor, by which your petitioner conceives himself materially aggrieved. He therefore prays that the Honorable Court may take the case into consideration and grant him relief by Ordering that the Auditor issue Certificates &c in favour of your petitioner for said commutation. And your Petitioner shall pray &c. G. Smith

Notice admitted 8th September 1791./ J. Pendleton Aud.
Sept 9th 1791. The facts agreed. Jas. Innis

Know all men by these presents That I Tarlton P. Smith, Administrator on the Estate of Granville Smith dec'd late an Ensign and Quarter Master in the Virginia State line, appoint Major Thomas L Smith my true and lawful attorney with a power of substitution to receive all arrears of half pay, commutation or commutation with interest due on account of the Revolutionary services of the said Granville Smith either as Ensign, Ensign and Quarter Master or as Quarter Master, which may amount to \$ under the act of Congress of the 5th July 1832

Witness my hand & seal this 28th day of November 1849.

Tarlton P. Smith
Administrator of Granville Smith