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Pension Application of Peter Jaquett S46500 DE
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[A printed form with handwritten entries shown in italics:]

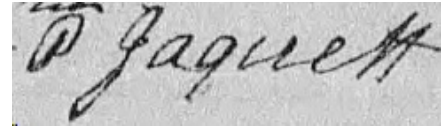
Revolutionary Claims

Form of a Declaration to be made by the Officers.

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved on the 15th of May, 1828, I, *Peter Jaquett of or near Wilmington, in the county of New Castle, in the State of Delaware*, do hereby declare that I was and officer in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution, and served as such *from January 4 AD 1776 until the close of the war in the month of October in the year of Seventeen hundred and Eighty three* at which period I was a *captain* in the *Delaware* regiment.

And I also declare, that I afterwards received certificates (commonly called commutation certificates) for a sum equal to the amount of five years' full pay; which sum was offered by the resolve of Congress, of the 22d of March, 1783, instead of the half pay for life, to which I was entitled under the resolve of the 21st of October, 1780.

Witness my hand, this *ninth* day of *June*, in the year *Eighteen hundred Twenty eight*



[The following are from [bounty-warrant papers in the Library of Virginia](#):]

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Cap. Peter Jaquetts case

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James McFadon [VAS596] *

former occasion after much deliberation decided against the claims of these officers [from other states], it not appearing satisfactorily that Virginia had credit for them as a part of her quota – as appears by the statement filed in McFadons case. But when the Resolution of 3rd Oct. 1780 was discovered, it removed at once the doubt of the Executive and the claim was allowed. It appearing very clearly that

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transferred. Cap. Jaquett has requested me to represent his claim as a Cap. of Col. Washingtons Reg't of Cavalry in the Virginia Continental line.

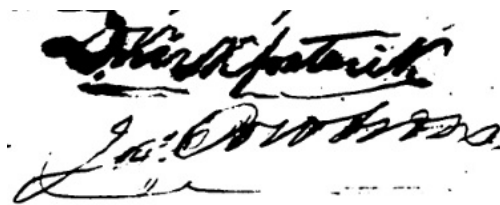
November 1830.

Wm. Lambert Jr.

State of Delaware

New Castle county Ss Be it Remembered that on the second day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two Before me Thomas M Duell[?] Notary of Public of said state duely qualified and legally authorised and residing at Wilmington personally appeared David Kirkpatrick [pension application S36033] who was an officer in the army of the Revolutionary war, and James Robson Esq'r. and who are both credible witnesses, well known to me the said notary, and persons well acquainted with Major Peter Jaquett, now living near Wilmington aforesaid in said State, and on their oaths do depose and say that from a personal knowledge of the services of the said Maj'r Peter Jaquett, and other information they verily do believe that about the beginning of September 1780 he

entered into the Virginia line and as a captain and continued therein as set forth in the annexed petition to the close of the Revolutionary War, and in the same capacity

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Kirkwood". The signature is written in a cursive style with some flourishes.

Wilmington Del. Jan'y 18 1831

His Excellency [John Floyd] the Governor of the State of Virginia.

Dear Sir In consequence of a letter from you addressed Col. Mitchell a Senator from Maryland, in the subject of the claim of the late Kirkwood [Robert Kirkwood, BLWt1102-300] of the Revolutionary army in the State of Virginia, having been placed in my hands by Col. Whitely, I beg leave as an old Soldier having equal claims to trespass on your time by detailing certain occurrences, in the month of June last Wm Lambert Jr Esq'r. of Richmond Virginia, atty at law, called on Lieut. C P Bennett [Caleb P. Bennet, S35779] and myself, on the subject of our claims on Virginia, observing that under the Laws of that State we were entitled he believed, to Lands, according to grade in the Virginia Line of the Revolutionary Army, that we would be obliged to attend at Richmond and petition the Legislature to secure the patent &c which could be attended with considerable expence and trouble, that if we would furnish him with the necessary proofs of service in the Virginia Line, and give him a power of attorney to act for us, he would pay all expences and receive one half of the land recorded as his compensation to this proposition, being old and poor and illy able to sustain an undertaking apparently so expensive and doubtful of a recovery, we assented and furnished all the necessary proofs and Documents, duly attested by a Notary under his hand and seal of office, with the Letters of attorney required since which time, we have not a line from Mr Lambert on the subject of our claims, it appears by your letter above referred to that the dispersal of the lands allotted or so to be to the officers of the Virginia Line is left solely at the direction and Discretion of the Executive of the State. permit me sir to request the favour of you to inform me by a line through my young friend the Representative from this State the Hon Kinsey Johns Jun'r. if any petition has been presented in the names of Jaquett and Caleb P. Bennett to your Excellency or the Legislature by Mr Lambert and if there is any probability of our obtaining the Lands by this or any other mode of proceedings.

I served in the Delaware Regiment from the beginning to the end of the Revolutionary war with capt Robert Kirkwood, each of our commissions were dated January 4 1776, and I believe neither of us were ever absent from our Reg't. without leave.

I march'd with the Delaware Reg't consisting of eight companies, in april 1780, and attached to the Maryland line under General [Horatio] Gates. on the 16 August the [southern] army was defeated by Cornwallis near Camden, South Carolina and the survivors left in a truly deplorable condition without clothes or provisions. Soon after General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene, 3 Dec 1780] took command of the remains of the army and the Delaware Regiment, by the defeat from eight companies were reduced to two companies of each 96 men, under command of Capt R. Kirkwood, and myself. Peter Jaquett the senior surviving captain, whom with their subaltern officers were by orders of General Greene, attached to Col. William Washingtons Regiment of Cavalry as Light troops, and served with them until the close of the war in 1783. I was engaged at the Battle of Guilford Court House [15 Mar 1781], at Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781], Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781], the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781], and assisted at the siege and capture of most of the British Forts and outposts in Carolina and Georgia, to wit Fort 96 [Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781], Moot [sic: siege of Fort Motte SC, 8-12 May 1781], and Augusta [either Fort Grierson, 23 May 1781, or siege of Fort Cornwallis, 24 May - 1 Jun 1781]. Thus Sir, I

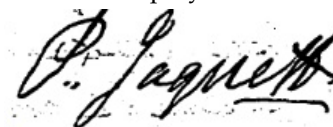
have given you an outline of my services, a time truly which tried mens souls and bodies too. a time of great suffering privation and distress

I regret to trespass on your time but must plead as an excuse the claims of an old Broken down Soldier of the Revolutionary war. I have the Honor to be with high consideration, your Excellency's very obed't Humble Ser't



To the Governor and Council of the State of Virginia

The Petition of Peter Jaquett now residing near the city of Wilmington within the State of Delaware respectfully Represents, that he entered the Revolutionary army in the Delaware line which was composed of but one Regiment, that in the Battle of Camden on the sixteenth day of August 1780 this regiment was cut up, and reduced to two companies of ninety six men each, the Lieut Colonel (Vaughn) [sic: Joseph Vaughan] and Major [John] Patton, taken prisoners, one of these companies was commanded by Kirkwood the Senior captain of the Regiment and the other by your petitioner. that the Remnant of the Regiment was then arranged transferd and attached to the Virginia line, and to the Regiment to to which Colonel William Washington then commanded and continued to command until the Battle of Eutaw Springs on the eighth day of September 1781 when he was taken prisoner, that upon this event it was anexed to the infantry of the Legion under Col. Henry Lee and continued to do duty with such Legion throughout General Green's command in the South and until the close of the war, that from the time that these two companies were transferd to and so long as they continued in the Virginia line your petitioner served with them in his appropriate command was a captain and that he received lands from the United States and is now on the pay list of the Treasury Department under the act of the fifteenth May 1828 as having served to the close of the war – that he has understood that Doct. George Monro who was the Surgeon of the Delaware Regiment, and continued with the two companies after they were transferr'd to the Virginia line has been allowed the bounty land promised by that State for three years services, therefore your Petitioner prays that your Honorable body, will award an order on the Register of your land office at Richmond to issue to him a land warrant, or warrants for the several quantities of Bounty land promised to him by the various laws of your State, and as in duty Bound he will ever pray &c &c



To his Excellency the Governor and the Honble Council fo the Commonwealth of Virginia Your Petitioner Peter Jaquett of the County of New Castle and State of Delaware would respectfully represent, that he was commissioned an Ensign in the Delaware Regiment commanded by Col. John Haslet on the 1st day of Janry. 1776 soon after was promoted to a Lieutenancy, and on the 4th of January 1777 was promoted to a Captancy in said Regiment, that he served in the northern army until the 1st of April 1780, when he marched under Gen. Gates to the southward, and continued with the said Regiment until after the defeat of Gen. Gates in South Carolina, the said Regt. being reduced to two companies only, one of them commanded by Cap Kirkwood and the other by himself were by a General order transferred to Col. William Washingtons Virginia Regiment of Cavalry and continued in said Regiment untill the close of the war in 1783. He was in the following Battles Viz: Long Island [27 Aug 1776], York Island [Harlem Heights, 16 Sep 1776], Kings Bridge [17 Jan 1777], Fort Washington [16 Nov 1776], White Plains [28 Oct 1776], Short Hill in New Jersey [Short Hills, 26 Jun 1777], capture of the Hessians at Trenton [26 Dec 1776], Prince Town [Princeton NJ, 3 Jan 1777], Brunswick [1 Dec 1776], Brandywine [11

Sep 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777], Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], White Marsh [Whitemarsh PA, 5 Dec 1777], Gates defeat Camden, Second battle of D'or [Hobkirk Hill], Gilford Ct. House, Ninety six, Eutaw Springs, Monks Corner [sic: Moncks Corner SC, 14 Apr 1780], and at the siege and surrender of nine forts, and was in the service, from the said first day of July 1776 to the close of the war in 1783 and was never cashiered or superceded.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. Jaquett". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

Washington May 32

My Dear Sir [Col. Roger Jones]: Since I read Governor Floyds letter to you respecting the gallant Kirkwoods claim in Va for land, I have received the enclosed additional testimony in his [illegible word] from General [not clear, but probably Hezekiah Foard, pension application S47187] & from General McDonald [William McDonald, W6806] of Baltimore City corroborating the testimony of Bennett & Jaquett Kirkwoods Lieutenants. General Ford & McDonald highly respectable Citizens. Gen'l. Ford was a Lieut & Adjutant of the Regm't Maryland Line in the Revolutionary War, & served with Kirkwood in Gates & Greens army in the South McDonald was a Sarg't in Lees Legion & now Major Gen'l of Militia & one of the Richest men in Baltimore they are both worthy of every confidence [Two lines obscured by transparent tape.] Governor Floyd & request an answer as soon as convenient. A speedy decision in Kirkwoods case may be of immense importance to his children in preventing the sacrifice of Property. Colonel Allen McClain of Del has frequently informed me that Kirkwoods children were entitled to Land from the State of Va.

Ever your friend./ G Mitchell.