I do hereby certify that Jesse Kent Enlisted with me on Board the Revenge Galley on or about the 17th day of July 1777 as a Seaman for the term of 3 years and was appointed Midshipman of said Galley about the first November of the same year.

S/ Thos. Pollard, Lt. [Thomas Pollard]

This is to certify that Jesse Kent was a Midshipman on board the Revenge Galley and died after the vessel was overset sometime in May 1778 at which time he commanded as Lieutenant in the Navy. Given under my hand this 7th March 1783

S/ Christ. Tompkins, Lt. [Christopher Tompkins]

Entitled to depreciation from last July 77 to first November following & as [indecipherable word] from thence to first May 78 as a Midshipman if not settled – July 28th 86

S/ T. Alexander [indecipherable abbreviation]

[The file contains a document which appears to be an assignment made by Thomas Kent (who signed with his mark) of his rights to bounty land based on his father's service. The name of the assignee I could not discern positively. It might be Joseph Sanders. The assignment is notarized as having occurred in Lancaster County Virginia on April 3, 1786.]

[All of the documents in this file are certified as being copies of the originals. The location of the originals is not stated but they were probably kept in the Auditor's Office in Richmond Virginia. Whether or not the originals continue in existence, I do not know.]