John Bowman a private soldier in the 4th Virginia Regiment in the service of the United States of America, having faithfully served three years the full term of his enlistment is now Discharged from any future services in the said Regiment.

Given under my hand at Camp in the State of New Jersey this 5th Day of December 1779.

James Wood [BLWt2419-500] Colo Com’dt 1st V. Brigade

The above Discharged Soldier is Intitled to Draw Provisions at the Different Posts On his return to Shenandoah County in Virginia  J Wood Colo Com.

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[several undeciphered words] Ordered at Head of Elk [present Elkton MD] Decemb’r 22 1779

Three days Rations

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