

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert McCreight S21881

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State of South Carolina District of Fairfield

On this nineteenth day of July in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Honorable Henry W. DeSaussure Esquire Chancellor of the Court of Equity of the said State now in session at Fairfield Court House, Robert McCreight a resident of said District of Fairfield and State aforesaid aged seventy-one years should deponent live to see Christmas next, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated. The Deponent was born in the County of Antrim Ireland. The record of Deponent's age was burnt with the dwelling house of Deponent's parents in the Revolutionary War. The Deponent lived on the same plantation in which he now lives on the South fork of Jackson's Creek and the same in which his father lived, when called into service, and has lived there ever since. The Deponent was drafted as often as called into service.

^{1st} The first tour of duty performed by Deponent was the Florida Campaign,¹ he was called out by a Draft in the Militia, Capt. Robert Ellison commanded his Company, and Col. John Winn commanded the Regiment, Major Joseph Brown was the Major but was not out that tour. The Regiment marched through Augusta passed down the Savannah River to the Cherokee Hill eight miles above Savannah town, then through Midway settlement, and on to Saint Mary's River, there the Army stopped. The first and third South Carolina regiments under Pinckney [Charles Cotesworth Pinckney] & Thompson [William Thomson] were encamped below the militia about 1 1/2 miles on the St. Mary's. The Deponent went out on a scouting party under Major Andrew Pickens afterwards General Pickens. Col. Andrew Williamson was the oldest Col. and commanded all the South Carolina Militia in that tour of duty. There were no engagements with the enemy. A few shots passed in a small skirmish (one man wounded and a horse shot). The Deponent was out in this term from about the beginning of April until the 11th of August thinks this was in the year 1777 or 1778.

^{2nd} The next tour of duty was also by Draft in the militia Major Brown commanded the Regiment John Ellison commanded the Company but bore the rank of first Lieutenabt only. The Regiment marched to Purrysburg now in Beaufort District, General Richardson [Richard Richardson] commanded the Brigade at Purrysburg. The Regiment had no engagements, and

¹ First Florida expedition: Fall of 1776 <http://www.ourgeorgiahistory.com/wars/Revolution/revolution09.html>

staid out two months.

3rd The next tour of duty was in the spring of 1779 was again called out by draft of the Militia John Ellison who had then been promoted to a Captaincy commanded the Company. The Gov. of South Carolina, John Rutledge, established his head quarters at Orangeburg, where the Militia from all parts of the State had collected. They were, after news had arrived of the British under General Provost [Augustine Prevost] having crossed the Savannah River marched on to Charleston and deponent remained there on duty until the Militia were discharged. General Moultrie [William Moultrie] was the next in command under Gov. Rutledge. The deponent was out in this tour from the latter part of March until the first week in July of the same year.

4th The next tour of duty performed by Deponent was after the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780]. General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] commanded the Brigade. Capt. Edward Martin commanded the Company and Col. Richard Winn commanded the Regiment. On this tour of duty the Deponent acted as 2nd Lieut. in the company under a commission received through Capt. Martin. The commission was signed by the Gov. of the State of South Carolina, believes John Rutledge, was the Gov. at that time. This tour was performed in the year 1781. The deponent was out in this tour about two months.

5th The deponent performed another tour under Capt. John Turner as well as deponent recollects. The troops lay most of their time at Orangeburg, Col. David Hurt [?] commanded. The deponent was in service between two and three months, and acted as second Lieut. under the Commission mentioned above.

6th The deponent served several other tours of duty and acted as second Lieut. The deponent served upwards of nine months, in the whole in different tours of Militia duty as second Lieut. during the Revolutionary War. The Deponent gave his Commission as second Lieut. to his son William McCreight who some ten or eleven years [ago] removed to the State of Ohio under the impression that in any future war in which this Country might be engaged the Commission would assist him in obtaining some military office under the government. The deponent has applied to his son William who has lately returned to this State for his Commission, but without success. And he deponent believes the Commission has been lost, and the Captains and other officers under whom deponent served are now all dead. The deponent received the pay of second Lieut. whilst acting as such also [he drew] two rations.

The deponent never received any written discharge. The Commanding Officer of the Regiment usually received such a discharge. A written discharge was confined to him alone, and whenever the relief came men; the Col. Commanding discharged his Regiment by verbal orders to that effect.

The deponent is known to William Robertson,² David Hamilton,³ Col. William McCreight and Major Henry Moore⁴ and Capt. Hugh Milling⁵ who can all testify as to some part of the actual service rendered by Deponent: Deponent hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

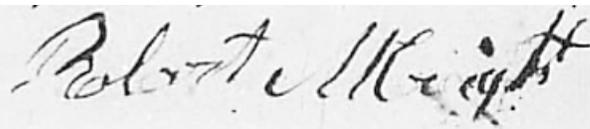
S/ Robert McCreight

² [William Robertson S21951](#)

³ [David Hamilton S21804](#)

⁴ [Henry Moore S46010](#)

⁵ [Hugh Milling S46394](#)



S/ Jno Buchanan, Commissioner and Equity F. Dist.

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I David Hamilton of the District of Fairfield and State of South Carolina, aged seventy-three years, hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Robert McCreight who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, and that I believe him to be seventy years of age as stated above That I have known him personally ever since and before the Revolutionary War, was a near neighbor then as still remains so. The deponent served with said Robert through the whole of the first tour of duty mentioned by him. The facts stated by him in relation to that tour are truly stated.

2nd The deponent knew when the said Robert McCreight was drafted and left him in the second tour mentioned by him and deponent was one of the detachment of militia who relieved said Robert at Purrysburg, and has no doubt the facts stated in relation to this second tour are correctly stated.

3rd The Deponent served in the third tour mentioned by said Robert saw him several times during this tour. The Deponent was quarter master of the Regiment during this tour, and said Robert was attached to a distinct corps mounted as Cavalry, and was often detached from the Regiment acting sometimes as guards to baggage wagons, expresses &c and was on that account not always present with the Main body but deponent believes and is satisfied what he has stated to be correct.

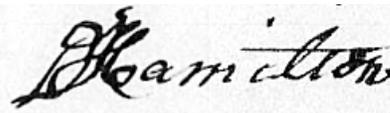
The Deponent knows of his knowledge that said Robert McCreight served in several other tours of duty in the Militia, and that in some of them towards the latter part of the war he commanded as second Lieut.. He commanded as second Lieut. [one or more indecipherable words] the fourth term of duty mentioned by him in the year 1781. The deponent does not know with certainty whether he served when second Lieutenant fully nine months or not as deponent never charged his memory on that subject.

The Deponent has seen his Commission as second Lieutenant. Thinks it was signed by John Rutledge as Gov. or John Matthews as Gov. of South Carolina.

The deponent is sure that said Robert McCreight served more than nine months in the whole in the Militia during the revolutionary war, in different tours.

Deponent further states that the belief in the neighborhood has always been that said Robert McCreight had been a soldier in the militia during the Revolutionary War and had served and acted as second Lieutenant and has never heard the fact called in question.

S/ D. Hamilton



Sworn to and Subscribed the Day and Year Aforesaid

S/ Jno. Buchanan

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I William Robertson of the District of Fairfield and State of South Carolina aged seventy-two years hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Robert McCreight who has subscribed

and sworn to the above declaration, that I believe him to be seventy years of age as above stated. That I have known him ever since the Revolutionary war and knew him before. Has seen him serving in the militia as a soldier during that war, knows him to have served in several tours of duty, and has no doubt that he served in the whole more than nine months. The deponent has been a near neighbor of said Robert since before the Revolutionary War and knew of his going out and returning home on several occasions when the militia were drafted to go out against the British. The said Robert towards the middle or latter end of the war commanded as Lieutenant.

Deponent further states that the neighborhood have all along believed that said Robert had been a soldier of the Militia during the Revolutionary War and had served and acted as second Lieutenant most of the time and never heard it doubted.

S/ William Robertson, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Jno. Buchanan

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State of South Carolina Fairfield district: (Supplemental) Robert McCreight

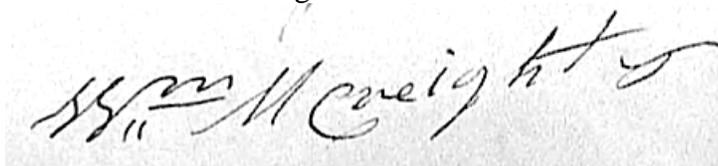
I William McCreight Jr of the District of Fairfield in the State of South Carolina do hereby certify that Deponent is well acquainted with Robert McCreight who has made the declaration dated 19th day of July A.D. 1832 before Chancellor DeSaussure at Fairfield Court House in order to obtain a pension for revolutionary services under the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832 (the proceedings on which application are contained in four sheets of paper) the Deponent being the oldest son of the said Robert McCreight. The deponent has seen his Father's commission as second Lieutenant under which he acted and served in the Revolutionary War as deponent was informed by his Father and other persons and this information he received many years before the Act of Congress of June 7th 1832. Deponent had the Commission in his possession for some years has read it often and thinks it was signed by John Rutledge as Gov. of South Carolina. It was signed by someone as Gov. Deponent has examined his papers and has not been able to find it, and if Deponent took the commission with him to the Western Country as stated in his Father's declaration it must have been lost or mislaid, but Deponent inclines to believe that he returned the commission to his Father before he removed, and that it was burnt when his Father's house was burnt (which happened twice) and many other papers were destroyed.

Deponent believes his Father to be as old as he states in his Declaration. Deponent is his oldest child as [sic] is now 48 years old and will be 49 in December next.

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 11th June A.D. 1833

S/ J. Elliott, QU

S/ Wm McCreight

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Wm McCreight Jr". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent "W" at the beginning and a "Jr" at the end.

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State of South Carolina District of Fairfield

I John McCreight of the District of Fairfield and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Robert McCreight mentioned in the foregoing Certificate of William

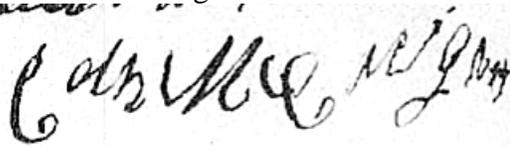
McCreight Jr being his oldest brother, and having lived in the same neighborhood ever since childhood up to the present time: That Deponent has seen his Commission as second Lieutenant frequently under which he served in the Revolutionary war. Deponent first saw it when he said Robert returned home from a tour of duty he performed in the year 1781 and some time in May of that year he solved the Commission. Deponent then read it the first time. It was signed Deponent thinks by John Rutledge as Gov. Saw the seal of the State of South Carolina affixed to the Commission. It was signed by some person, as Gov. The Commission gave the said Robert McCreight rank as first Lieutenant [sic] in Capt. Edward Martin's Militia Company.

Deponent knows of his brother Robert serving several tours of duty both before and after he received his Commission, but is not now able to state the length of the time he served in either tour with any certainty, he being young at that time about 15 years old in 1781. Deponent saw the Commission among the papers of William McCreight Junior some short time before he started to the State of Ohio, about 12 years past. Has not seen it since that time.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the June the 11th 1833

S/ J. Elliott, QU

S/ John McCreight

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John McCreight". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.

South Carolina Fairfield District (Supplemental) Robert McCreight 2nd Sheet

I David Hamilton of the District of Fairfield and State aforesaid, and the same David Hamilton who has made his certificate to the Declaration of Robert McCreight for a pension of the 19th of July 1832 before Chancellor DeSaussure at Fairfield Court House do hereby certify that the clergyman who had charge of the Congregation to which said Robert McCreight belonged (the late Rev. Samuel W. Yongue) died before some [?] year or such a manner before July 1832, and that the clergyman who now officiates the Rev. Mr. Boyd [?] is a young man who lately removed to this District and can have no knowledge of the reputation of the neighborhood as regards Robert McCreight's military services in the Revolutionary War, not living in the neighborhood of Mr. McCreight, and being a stranger to the District. That the Clergyman stationed in Winnsborough (at Fairfield Court House) is also a young man who has not long resided here and has not had a good opportunity to know the repute of the neighborhood in which Mr. McCreight resides, and that Deponent knows of no other Clergyman who has Deponent [indecipherable word] has had such opportunity.

Sworn to & subscribed before me June 11th 1833

S/ J. Elliott, QU

S/ D. Hamilton

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The State of South Carolina District of Fairfield

Robert McCreight Sheet 3rd

Before me appeared Colonel William McCreight of the Town of Winnsborough, District of Fairfield and State aforesaid, and being duly sworn makes oath. That he is the Brother of Robert McCreight who is about to apply for a pension from the United States under the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That deponent is now fifty-eight years old since June last. That

deponent's brother Robert McCreight now about seventy years old, That both said Robert McCreight and Deponent have lived in Fairfield District, in the same neighborhood the Deponent ever since his birth and said Robert ever since he arrived in this Country with his father from Ireland before the Revolutionary War. That the witness is pretty satisfied and has no doubt that said Robert served in the South Carolina Militia several tours of duty during the Revolutionary War against the forces of Great Britain. That Deponent Recollects of his return home from several tours of duty although at the time very young. He Recollects the fact of his brother Robert on such occasions wearing a white cockade and of distributing small change in silver to his brothers and sisters. It has always been the belief of the neighborhood and never contradicted that said Robert had served as a militia officer in the War of the Revolution and Deponent has understood and believes that he acted as second Lieutenant and ranked as such in the tours of duty he last performed. The length of time said Robert served as a common soldier or officer the witness does not know of his own knowledge.

Said Robert McCreight is now and has for many years been an acting elder in the Presbyterian Church and many others as well as the Deponent can Certify to his credibility and standing in society.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me James Elliott Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Fairfield District this 18th July 1832

S/ J Elliott, Qu Exo CCp

S/ Wm McCreight

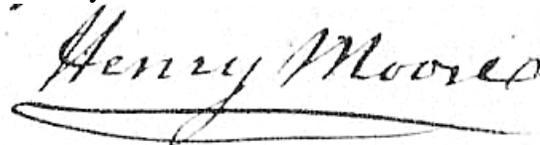
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I Major Henry Moore, residing in the District of Fairfield, about two miles of the town of Winnsborough, in the State of South Carolina aged seventy-eight years, hereby Certify that I am well acquainted with Robert McCreight, who has subscribed and sworn to the declaration to which this Certificate is annexed, and that I believe him to be seventy years of age. That I have known and am well acquainted with said Robert since before the Revolutionary War and lived a near neighbor ever since. That deponent now receives a pension from the United States as a Captain Lieutenant 4th Regiment Artillery [indecipherable word or words] South Carolina Continentals.

That Deponent saw said Robert McCreight serving as a soldier in the Revolutionary war, at Charleston in the year 1779, General Provost [Augustine Prevost] had summoned the Town to surrender, saw said Robert frequently during this tour serving as a soldier in the militia. That deponent being in the Regular Army had no opportunity of knowing the extent of the military services rendered by the Militia, but from the repute and belief of his neighborhood has no doubt that said Robert served in all more than nine months. Said Robert McCreight is a presiding elder of the Presbyterian Church and has acted as such many years.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 20th day of July 1832 in open Court
S/ Jno. Buchanan, Commissioner in Equity

S/ Henry Moore

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry Moore". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a long, horizontal, slightly wavy line that serves as a decorative flourish or underline.

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State of South Carolina Fairfield District

I Robert McCreight who made the declaration of the 20th of July 1832 before Chancellor DeSaussure in order to obtain a pension under the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832 as mentioned in the above certificates do hereby certify that I served as a private soldier in the first tour of duty mentioned in Deponent's declaration. That Deponent served in this tour four months and ten days; private soldier.

2nd That in the second tour mentioned in the declaration the deponent served as a private soldier two months. The orders came from Gov. John Rutledge to Col. John Winn as Col. of the Regiment, and through him to the Company. Col. Winn did not go out this tour.

3rd In the third tour mentioned in the declaration the Deponent served as a private soldier three months and one or two weeks.

4th In the fourth tour mentioned as above the Deponent served as second Lieutenant under a Commission two months.

5th in the fifth tour mentioned in the declaration of the Deponent served three months as second Lieutenant under Commission.

6th That deponent served in other tours of duty as mentioned in the declaration under the sixth tour as second Lieutenant, but that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, nor as to the field [?] officers under whom he acted, nor as to the places through which he marched. His Captain when acting as second Lieutenant always was Edward Martin, excepting the tour to Orangeburg (fifth tour) and deponent served both as a private soldier and as second Lieutenant not less than the periods mentioned above and in all the terms of duty he performed as second Lieutenant not less than nine months; in no part of which tours of duty or service was the Deponent employed in any civil pursuit whatever but was entirely preoccupied with the duties of a soldier. And in every time the deponent was called out by what he understood and believed to be competent authority, was attached to a Company embodied as a Company, and to a Regiment also called out, & service organized as such, and obeyed orders for a draft from the Colonel of the Regiment, received as the order of draft purported from the Governor of the State of South Carolina. The fourth tour was at Dorchester So. Ca., Deans Swamp, Cyprus Swamp, the Corner called Moncks Corner, at the 45 mile house and through different parts of the low country of South Carolina.

The 5th tour mentioned was principally at Orangeburg South Carolina.

That a tour of Militia duty from draft performed by Deponent as a private soldier not mentioned in Deponent's declaration has been called to deponent's attention by a conversation with William Aiken⁶ and David Hamilton both of Fairfield District, the first of which as deponent has understood has received and the second applied for a pension. This Tour deponent thinks must have been early in the year 1781, was through the low country of this State. Capt. Edward Martin commanded the Company and Col. Richard Winn the Regiment. Deponent does not recollect the length of this service. He is informed it was two months by these persons and has no doubt of the correctness of the information as two months was the shortest term usually called for.

Deponent's services were all performed in the field excepting the 3rd tour, when deponent was stationed in the barracks in Charleston.

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 11th June 1833

S/ J. Elliott, QU

S/ Robert McCreight

⁶ [William Aiken \(Akin\) W8314](#)



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J L Edwards Esquire

Commissioner of Pensions Winnsborough S. C. 24 January 1835

Sir,

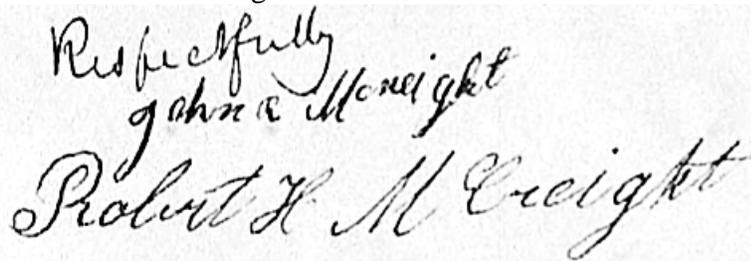
Yours of the 10th Ultimo has duly arrived and we now forward you the copy of an order made by Chancellor DeSaussure by which we are appointed the Committee of Robert McCreight to which is added the Certificate of J J Woodward Comr. under the Seal of the Court as well certifying the copy as the fact that we have been given Bond in pursuance of the Order. We also forward on the same paper the Affidavit of General Buchanan that Robert McCreight who obtained a pension under the Act of Congress of June 1832 is the same person who has been adjudged a Lunatic. Should the evidence of our appointment not be considered perfect please point out in what particular the form is defective & if possible it shall be remedied.

We ask the favor of you to forward a Certified Copy of Robert McCreight's pension Certificate under said Act, as the Certificate forwarded to him is not in our power to Command.

Respectfully

S/ John R. McCreight

S/ Robert H. McCreight



Witness

Jno. J. Woodward

[p 6: Power of attorney dated February 7th, 1852 executed in District of Fairfield in South Carolina by Mary Thompson in which she states she is the child of Robert McCreight deceased. She states that any benefits obtained by her attorney should be made payable to Osmond Thompson (relationship not stated). She signed the power with her mark.]

[p 48: Certificate dated September 24, 1852 issued by the South Carolina Comptroller General's Office listing payments made to Robert accrete for service as a private on horseback and Lieutenant on foot in 1781 and 1782 amounting to 28 pounds 19 shillings 3 ¼ pence Sterling; in addition 61 days service as a private on horseback in Captain Edward Martin's company of Colonel Richard Winn's Regiment from April 1st and ending May 30th 1781; 40 days service as Lieutenant from March 26 ending May 4th, 1782; 41 days service as Lieutenant from June 26 to August 5th 1782.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$151.88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private & Lieutenant for 18 months and 17 days in the South Carolina militia.]

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[No. 42 Book O January 21st, 1785]

Mr. Robert McCreights [sic] his Account of Militia Duty as Private on Horseback and Lieut. on foot in 1781 & 1780 to

Amounting to £28.19.3 ¼ Stg. [Sterling]

Ex^d J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

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State of South Carolina to Robert McCreight
1781

Dr.

April 1st To 61 Days Service as a private on Horseback, in
Lt. Edward Martin's Company Col. Richard Winn's
Regiment commencing April 1st and Ending
May 31st both days Inclusive at 20/ per [20
Shillings old South Carolina Currency per day] £60.00

1782

March 26th To 40 days Service as Lieut. in due Regiment
Commencing on March 26th and ending May 4th
1782 both Inclusive at 35/per 70.00

June 26th to 41 days Service as Lieut. in due Regiment
Commencing June 26th and Ending August 5th
both Inclusive at 35/per 71.15.0

142 days Currency £202.15.0
Sterling £28.19.3 ¼

Camden District} Before me John Buchanan Esquire personally appeared Robert McCreight who
being duly sworn saith that the Above Account is Just and true and That he has never Received
any part of payment for the Same

Sworn before me this 6th day of February 1784

James Buchanan, JP

Robert McCreight



I do Certify that Robert McCreight did The above Duty at the Time Specified as a private
Horseman and Afterwards as Lieutenant and that his Account is Just and true

Edward Martin Capt.

⁷ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.



Received 21st January 1785 full satisfaction for the amount of the above Account in an Indent No. 42 Book O by order

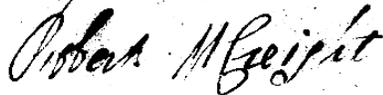
John Bell



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Gentlemen

Please deliver the bearer here of Mr. James McCreight an Indent to the amount of my Account against the Publick and his receipt Shall be an Sufficient Discharge for the same

Robert McCreight



Executed in presence of
John Buchanan, JP

[p 5: Printed form of Indent No. 42 Book O]

[p 6: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements by both the veteran and James McCreight whose signatures thereon appears as follows:

