These are to certify that the bearer hereof William Foster a soldier in the first Virginia regiment, having faithfully served the United States from the 20th January 178[... last digit missing in the online image] to this date and being inlisted for the war, is hereby discharged from the American army.

Given at the war office the 6th July 1783

By order of the secretary at war, B Lincoln [Gen. Benjamin Lincoln
Jos. [illegible] Sec’y
Registered in the books of the regiment./ William Eskridge [pension application W4192]
Lt Adj adjutant.

I certify that William Foster has received only four months pay since the 20th Jan’y. 1783