I do certify that Mr Daniel Ball was appointed an Ensign in the Virginia Line on Contin’l establishment the 18th Decem’r 1780. That he became a Sup’y [supernumerary officer: with insufficient troops for a command] by an arrangement of the Army, which took place the 1st January 1783 21st Jan’y 1784 [Maj. Abraham Kirkpatrick BLWt1210-300]