To the Executive of Virginia

I hereby as the attorney of the heir of John Ayres present to the Executive, the claim for Military Bounty Land due for his services in the War of the Revolution. The enclosed certificate from the auditor, shews that on the 22d day of December 1784, he received his pay, amounting to £77.6.3, as a soldier of Artillery. By reference to Smiths Report, made Jan’y 7th 1835, he asserts he was an “Artificer” he asserts his name as John Airs – which is the 46th name, under the head of the names beginning with the letter A. there can be no doubt the John Ayres who received his pay as above stated, is the man reported by Smith. The usual allowance of Military Bounty Land due for the services of an Artificer in Artillery is hereby prayed

James Murdaugh

Portsmouth Feb’y 18th 1851. Attorney for the Heir