I do hereby certify that Thomas Custis was appointed a Lieutenant in the 9th Virginia Regiment, at the commencement of the Revolutionary war, about the year 1775; that he marched to the Army, served therein, fought at the battle of German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777], was taken prisoner there, confined in Philadelphia New Jail, and that he made his escape from the s’d jail in the year 1778, and rejoined the army. He was an officer of good character, and left the service with honor.

Jno. Cropper Sr. [John Cropper W3781] formerly
Lt. Col. Comm’dt 11th Virg’a Reg’t

[Signature]