I do hereby certify that Benoni Overstreet enlisted with me on the 27th day of January 1777 for 3 years one of which he served as a private Soldier the other 2 as Sergeant in the 4th Virginia Regiment.

Given under my hand this 20th April 1784

S/ J. Holcombe c. 4th V R

while in service

I certify that Benoni Overstreet Sergeant in the 4th Virginia Regiment served the term of his enlistment and was Discharged the 28th day of January 1780

Given under my hand this 21st of March 1784

James Morton, Lt.
4th Virg. Regt.

Sir
Please to deliver him my land for Services to John B. Overstreet

Col. Meriwether

S/ Benoni Overstreet
was true. Brigade Majors was by law to be Majors of the line with an addition of ten dollars per month to their wages. Col. Febiger who gave your petitioner the appointment knew him to be qualified for that office and your petitioner has the happiness to know that all the various duties of that office he faithfully discharged. Two of the field officers only he recollects who served in that Brigade. The Honorable St. George Tucker was a Col. and Col. Philemon Holcombe was then Major; both of whom I know would bear personal testimony of your petitioner; but it is by no means convenient for him to procure in time, their certificates.

It is now forty-four years since these services were rendered and your petitioner (though struggling with adversity ever since) is still unpaid.

Your petitioner does not come before your Honourable body (though fair enough) as a begging pauper; but as one asking only his right and with the expectation, that his country will at this late hour do him ample justice.

There is at this time a tract of land, supposed to be between 2 and 300 acres about to be sold by the escheater of Prince Edward County. Your petitioner would thankfully receive this land as full compensation for this service and prays that a law may pass vesting to him that tract called Bosticks, and your petitioner, as in duty bound will ever pray &c

[Reverse]
The Petition of Benoni Overstreet
H. E. Watkins
that a law may pass vesting in him a tract of land called BOSTICK in Prince Edward as compensation for his services as Brigade inspector during the Revolution
December 18th 1825
Referred to Claims
1826
January 9 Rejected

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To the Honorable the General Assembly of Virginia

The Petition of Benoni Overstreet sets forth that on the 24th of May 1781 he was appointed Lieutenant to a Company of Militia ordered from the County of under Captain Alexander Guthrey, as such served six days at the end of which time the said Guthrey quitted the Service, your Petitioner was then, to wit, the 30th of May appointed Captain & took charge of the said Company wherein he served 38 days, when your Petitioner returned to Cumberland he Desired the said Guthrey to make out a pay Roll for the Company and draw the Certificates do for their Services, the said Guthrey did so, & Drew the Company's full pay except your Petitioner's who he omitted to insert in his pay Roll, therefore no compensation has ever been received for the services above mentioned performed by your Petitioner,

Your Petitioner further Sheweth that he for a long time supposed that his Certificate was in the hands of the said Guthrey & therefore was easy until necessity required him to demand it, and then Guthrey explained the matter, Your Petitioner humbly hopes although at this late day he may be by your Honorable body compensated for his Service as aforesaid

I hereby Certify that on the 24th day of May 1781 Benoni Overstreet was appointed Lieutenant in
a Company of Militia which I marched from the County of Cumberland and on the 30 of the same month the said Overstreet upon my quitting the Company was appointed Captain. The Company served until 8 July following as I have understood under the Command of the said Overstreet. I do further certify that I made out the payroll and drew the Companies Certificates that Overstreet was not included in the payroll and that he is justly entitled to pay for the time he served.

Given under my hand this 13th day of October 1791
S/ Alexr Guthrey

[Reverse]
Overstreet's Petition
11 November 1791
Referred to Claims
[illegible]

I hereby certify that Benoni Overstreet served in my Battalion 6 days as Lieutenant and 38 days as Captain of a Company of Militia from the County of Cumberland in the year 1781. Given under my hand this 15th of October 1791
S/ Jnº Overstreet [John Overstreet]
Major of a Batt [Battalion] in General Lawson's [Robert Lawson's] brigade of the Militia