I do certify that John Massey enlisted with me the 3rd of December in the year 1776 and was returned during the War – and furthermore in the year 1782 he showed me his Furlough Signed by his Colo. for Leave of absence a considerable time with liberty to come to the State of Virginia & that he departed this Life the first day of April 1783. Witness in my hand this 3rd December 83.

S/ David Laird, then
Capt. in ? ? V. Regt.

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S/ Chas. Southall