I Certifie that John Bowen Sarved in the Virginia Contanil [sic: Continental Line] for during the War and is intitled to Land as Lutenent from the United States for his Sarvis
Jaunary 10th 1811 Geo Mathews [George Mathews VAS520] Col of the Late 3d V. R.
The Honr’l. Uestes [sic: William Eustis]/ Secretary of War

[The following is from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.]

I hereby Certify that John Bowen Esq’r was a [seco]nd Lieutenant in the Eighth Virginia Regiment [*] Continental Troops prior to the first day of May 1777 and is now a first Lieutenenat in said Regiment & a prisoner of War on Parole. Given under my hand this 24th Jan’y 1783.
Geo Mathews Col
3d Va Reg’t