For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an act entitled "an act for the relief of certain surviving Officers & Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15th of May 1828, I Archelaus Perkins of the County of Goochland and the State of Virginia do hereby declare that I was an officer in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution and served as such to the end of the war; at which period I was a Lieutenant in the __ Regiment of the Virginia Continental line.

And I also declare, that I afterwards received certificates (commonly called commutation certificates) for a sum equal to the amount of 5 years full pay; which some was offered by the resolve of Congress of the 22nd of March 1783 instead of half pay for life, to which I was entitled under the resolve of the 21st of October 1780.

Witness my hand this 25th day of June in the year 1828.

S/ Archelaus Perkins

I do Certify that Lieutenant Archelaus Perkins is entitled to the proportion of Land allowed a Lieutenant of the Continental line, who has served to the end of the war.

Council Chamber    S/ Thomas Meriwether
February 3rd 1784
Benjamin Harrison

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 31st day of May 1783, in the name of Archelaus Perkins, as a Ensign for £787.4 .0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to __ and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.
To wit – pay as Ensign from 11 September 80 to 31st December 1781 & as Adjutant from 10 September 80 to 31st December 1781

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 2nd day of May 1845
Howard County State of Missouri: Be it known that before me James M. Sexton a Justice of the peace in and for said County personally appeared Archelaus Perkins, who being duly sworn according to law says that he is now eighty-four years of age – that he has resided in said County for four years past – that his former residence was in Goochland County Virginia – that he is now, and has been for many years (say 14 years) drawing a pension of $320 per year from the United States for his services as an Ensign & Lieutenant of the Virginia line in the Army of the Revolution – that from representations made to him he has been led to believe that he became entitled by law to a further some per annum, then he has received, under the Act of Congress of the 7th June 1832, he having received only $320 per annum – that in addition to his rank in the line, he was and Adjutant of his Regiment from about the 10th day of September 1782 the close of the war. For the truth of which statement he refers to the rolls & vouchers on file either at Richmond Virginia or at Washington City. He therefore makes the following declaration for the purpose of obtaining such additional allowance of Pension as he shall, by law, appear to be entitled to.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 11 day of August 1845.

S/ Archs. Perkins

S/ Jas M. Sexton, JP.

[The certificate of General Scott is a copy of the original, a digital image of which can be found at bounty land records in the Library of Virginia by searching "Perkins".]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of $456.98 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for service as an Ensign & adjutant for 6 months & a Lieutenant & adjutant for 18 months in the Virginia service.]