Charles County and State of Maryland –

This is to certify that Col. William Bruce of Charles County and State of Maryland a distinguished revolutionary Soldier personally appeared before me and made oath to the following declaration of facts –

That he the said William Bruce of the County and State aforesaid Inlisted and entered as a Soldier early in the Army of the State of Maryland in a company of Riflemen commanded by Capt. George Strickler attached to Col. William Smallwood's Regiment of regular Troops raised for the Defense of the State of Maryland in January 1776; and continued in that Regiment as a soldier until December of the said year, when he was appointed a Second Lieutenant in Capt. John Bean's Company in the first Regiment of Continental troops commanded by Col. John H Stone and continued in the said command until the year 1780 when he was promoted to a Captaincy in the said Regiment, and ordered to joined the Southern Army in which service he continued until after the defeat at Camden [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] when he was ordered and marched to the northward and served in a detachment of Continental troops under the command of Major Thomas Lansdale consisting of five Companies in the year 1782 and marched to join General Washington to the Eastward. And (after the cessation of hostilities between the United States and Great Britain) marched to the state of Maryland and was in November 1783 disbanded when the Maryland line of the Army of the United States was discharged and that he is in reduced circumstances.

Sworn before me one of the Associate Judges of the first Judicial District of Maryland this 30th day of March 1818

S/ John Rousby Plater

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of $20 per month commencing March 30, 1818, for service as a Capt. in the Maryland Continental line.]