

Letter from Henry Knox to Romeo Smith, January 9, 1784

This is to certify that the bearer hereof Romeo Smith is a free man, and has served three years in the Army of the United States of America. Any person [~~struck: going a~~] attempting to circumvent or trepan him as a slave will [~~struck: deserve~~] [~~inserted: incur~~] the severest [~~struck: punishment~~] [~~inserted: penalty~~] of the Law and the indignation of Heaven.

Given at Westpoint

This 9th January 1784

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A certificate to Romeo

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