

Morgan County 8th June 1814.  
His Excellency Peter Early.

We the under Signed were mounted Spies employed by, and by the direction of Major Patton, who had Command of the posts on our frontier. We Commend. [Commenced] riding on the 5th of January agreeable to contract and orders reported ourselves to Capt. Barton Commandant at the post until the 10th of Febry at which time he left the Fort, his term of service having expired. From that time until the 19th of the same month, we continued to ride not having any person to report ourselves to, at which time Lieutenant Harkness took command to whom we reported ourselves, agreeable to a Copy of his Certificate accompanying this address and after his term of service had expired agreeable to our Certificates to which we affix our names.

I Richard Bridges do Certify that I commenced riding as a mounted Spie employed by Major James Patton on the 5th of January 1814 and Continued to ride every day agreeable to orders & Contract until the 20th day of March thereafter both days inclusive.

[Signed] Richard Bridges

I Dennis McSwain Do Certify that in Conformity with a Contract made with Capt. James Barton(as he informed me by the instruction & direction of Major Patton, to ride as a Spie over the line of Morgan County with Richard Bridges and rode from the 5th of January 1814until the 5th of March there after, both days inclusive

[Signed] Dennis McSwain

Our orders from Major Patton was to ride

until further ordered which orders we never have received nor no Certificate or discharge from Major Patton, nor have we seen him since we commenced riding under his Orders we were to receive Seventy five cents pr day We have Still Expected Major Patton[unclear: up] to discharge us & place us in a Situation whereby we could get our pay agreeable to Contract, and have been informed that the Major has not made a report of his acting to your Excellency We therefore hope, that if the proceedings of Major Patton was Authorized that your excellency will take such measures as will cause us to be placed in a Situation to get what he [unclear: engaged] as we have faithfully discharged our duty And if any thing further is [unclear: necessary] for us to do to give Authenticity to our Claims please be so good as to inform us.

We are your Excellencies most  
Obedient Humbl. Servants  
[Signed] Richard Bridges  
[Signed] Dennis McSwain

Copy Certificates.

Fort Defiance on the Boundry line of Morgan County

I hereby Certify on honor that Richard Bridges and Dennis McSwain mounted Spies employed under the orders of Major James Patton reported themselves to me from the 5 of January 1814 until the 10th of February thereafter, agreeable to my Orders

Signed

James Barton  
commandant  
10 Feby 1814.

June 8, 1814 Copy Certificate.

Fort Defiance on the Boundry Line of Morgan County 19th Feby 1814

I Certify in honor that Richard Bridges and Dennis McSwain (mounted Spies) employed by Major James Patton as I understood) reported themselves to me at this post McSwain rode until the 5th of March 1814. And Bridges until the 11th of the same month, both commencing this date under my Command

signed

James Harkness  
Lieut

Richard Bridges  
Dennis McSwain  
dated 8. June 1814

His Excellency

Peter Early  
Milledgeville Georgia