Silas McBee — Kentucky Land Grant — Patent No. 8528 (Commissioners' Certificate No. 4164)

200 Acres on a North Branch of Tradewater, Christian County, Kentucky
Assignee of Bezaleel Weir, who was Assignee of William R. Weir

Land Record Abstract and Survey Summary

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Abstract

On 7 November 1798 the commissioners Richard Young, Robert Mosby and James Brown certified that William R. Wier was entitled to 200 acres of second-rate land by virtue of his having improved it, under the act "for encouraging and granting relief to settlers," lying on a north branch of Tradewater, beginning on a black oak and running eastwardly and southwardly to include his improvement (Certificate No. 4164). On 4 December 1798 William R. Wier transferred the certificate to Bezaleel Wier, with James Thomkins as witness, and the same day Deputy Surveyor [?] Love, for Young Ewing, S.C.C., surveyed the 200 acres for Bazeleel Wier, assignee of William R. Wier, on a north branch of Tradewater in Christian County. Silas McBee and Maslin [?] Sanders carried the chain. One corner is "a black oak on Silas McBee's line," and the next course runs with that line. On 24 December 1798 Bezaleel Wier assigned the plat to Silas McBee, with Joshua Cates as witness. On 27 December 1808 the Auditor received of B. Weir, assignee, the Treasurer's receipt for $20.93, in full, the installment with interest on Certificate No. 4164, and on 13 February 1809 Governor Charles Scott signed the patent to Silas McBee,

assignee of Bazeleel Weir, who was assignee of William R. Weir. The margin notes that it was examined and delivered to Y. Ewing on 3 January 1810.

Survey Description

Metes and bounds as written in the survey. Distances are in poles. The patent agrees except for the fourth course (see Research Notes).

Surveyed for Bazeleel Wier, assignee of William R. Wier, 200 acres of second-rate land by virtue of the Commissioners' Certificate No. 4164, on a north branch of Tradewater, Christian County. Beginning at a black oak; running thence North 80 East 120 poles to three sweet gums; thence South 10 East 60 poles to a black oak on Silas McBee's line; thence with said line South 25 West 20 poles to a hickory; thence South 40 East 188 poles to a cherry tree; thence South 80 West 220 poles to an elm; thence North 5 West 268 poles to the beginning. The 4th day of December 1798.

Record Summary

Certificate Number	4164 (Commissioners' certificate, for having improved the land)
Survey Grant Register Number	8528
Original Claimant	William R. Weir ("William R. Wier")
Assignments	William R. Wier to Bezaleel Wier, 4 December 1798 (test. James Thomkins); Bezaleel Wier to Silas McBee, 24 December 1798 (test. Joshua Cates)
Surveyed For	Bazeleel Wier, assignee of William R. Wier
Patentee	Silas McBee, assignee of Bazeleel Weir, who was assignee of William R. Weir (indexed by Jillson as "McBee, Silas")
Acreage	200 acres of second-rate land
Watercourse	A north branch of Tradewater
County in Survey	Christian County
Adjoining	Silas McBee's line (one corner and a 20-pole line)
Certificate Date	7 November 1798
Survey Date	4 December 1798
Received by Land Office	23 December [year not given]
Recording	Survey: Book 9, page 176. Patent: second page numbered 201 [grant book not named]
Patent / Grant Issued	13 February 1809, signed by Governor Charles Scott

	and Secretary J. Bledsoe; delivered to Y. Ewing, 3 January 1810
State Price Notation	$20.93, in full (installment with interest), received of B. Weir, assignee, 27 December 1808
Deputy Surveyor / Chain Carriers	[?] Love, D.S., for Young Ewing, S.C.C.; Silas McBee and Maslin [?] Sanders, chain carriers
Commissioners	Richard Young, Robert Mosby and James Brown

Chronology

7 November 1798	Commissioners Richd. Young, Robt. Mosby and Jas. Brown certify William R. Wier's claim to 200 acres of second-rate land on a north branch of Tradewater, to include his improvement (Certificate No. 4164)
4 December 1798	William R. Wier transfers the certificate to Bezaleel Wier (test. James Thomkins); 200 acres surveyed for Bazeleel Wier by [?] Love, D.S., for Young Ewing, S.C.C.; chain carriers Silas McBee and Maslin [?] Sanders
24 December 1798	Bezaleel Wier assigns the plat to Silas McBee (test. Joshua Cates)
23 December [year not given]	Plat received; recorded Book 9, page 176
27 December 1808	$20.93 paid in full by B. Weir, assignee
13 February 1809	Grant No. 8528 issued to Silas McBee, signed by Governor Charles Scott and Secretary J. Bledsoe
3 January 1810	Patent delivered to Y. Ewing

Persons Named in the Record

William R. Weir	Original claimant; improved the land; assignor to Bezaleel Wier ("Wier," "Wyer")
Bezaleel Weir	Assignee of William R. Weir; surveyed for; assignor to Silas McBee; paid the state price as "B. Weir, assee" ("Bazeleel Wier," "Bazeleel Wyer," "Bez. Wier")
Silas McBee	Assignee of Bezaleel Weir; patentee; chain carrier; owner of the adjoining line
James Thomkins	Witness to the 1798 transfer of the certificate

Joshua Cates	Witness to the 1798 assignment of the plat
Maslin [?] Sanders	Chain carrier
[?] Love	Deputy surveyor
Young Ewing	Surveyor of Christian County (S.C.C.); received the patent as "Y. Ewing"
Richard Young, Robert Mosby, James Brown	Commissioners
George Madison	Auditor
Charles Scott	Governor
J. Bledsoe	Secretary

Land Description

A 200-acre tract on a north branch of Tradewater in Christian County, Kentucky, with one corner and a 20-pole line on Silas McBee's line.

Research Notes

Silas McBee's line. The survey runs south 10 east 60 poles "to a black oak on Silas McBee's line," then "with said line South 25 West 20 poles to a hickory"; the patent reads the same. Silas McBee's own settlement claim, KLG 1244, surveyed a month earlier, has a black oak corner and a hickory and white oak corner, but they are 178.8 poles apart on a line running south 80 east, and none of its sides runs south 25 west. 1244 also lies on the Crab Orchard Fork of Clear Creek rather than a north branch of Tradewater. The record does not identify which McBee line this is, and as written it does not match 1244.

Two assignments in December 1798. On 4 December 1798 William R. Wier wrote on the back of the certificate, "I transfer the within certificate [to] Bezaleel Wier," witnessed by James Thomkins; the survey was made for Bezaleel the same day. On 24 December 1798 Bezaleel assigned "all my right title and interest of the within plat to Silas McBee for value received," signed "Bez. Wier" and witnessed by Joshua Cates. The witness's name is spelled as the name of James Tompkins ("Jas. Thomkins") is spelled on the back of his own certificate, KLG 1245, surveyed four weeks earlier; the record does not say whether they are the same man.

The fourth course. The survey reads "S 40 E 188 poles to a cherry tree." The patent reads "South ten East one hundred and eighty[eight] poles," with "eight" written above the line. Plotted with south 40 east, the survey misses closing by about 28 poles and holds about 225 acres; with the patent's south 10 east it misses by about 88 poles. The plat is drawn with north to the left.

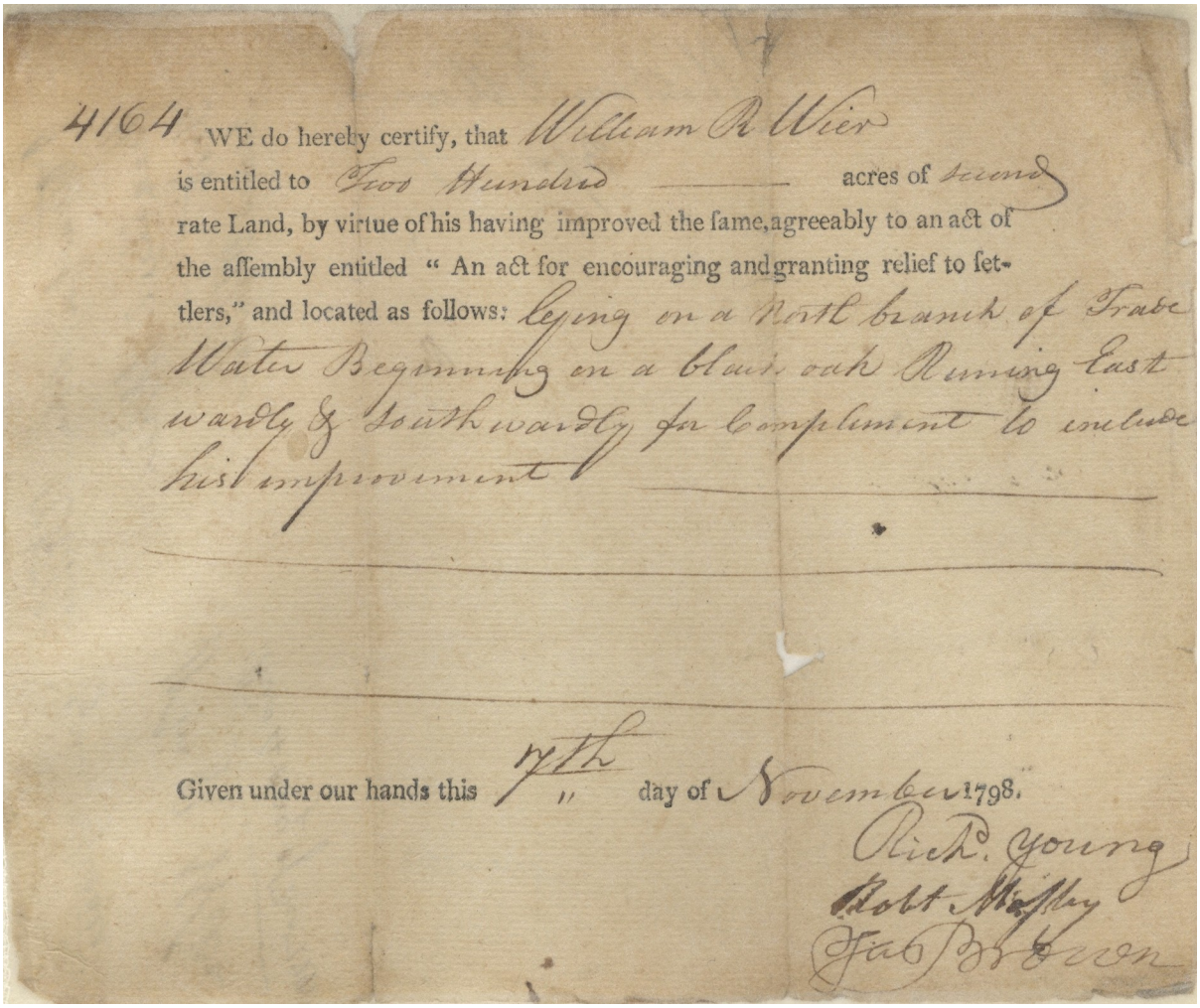
Payment. The receipt of 27 December 1808 is made out to "B. Weir ass[igne]e" and is for the Treasurer's receipt for "Twenty dollars and 93 cents, being in full Installment with

interest" on Certificate No. 4164 for 200 acres in Christian County, signed Geo. Madison, Aud[ito]r. The figure at the foot can be read as $70.93; the body gives twenty dollars and 93 cents. The left margin reads "B 191 [?] No 8528."

Patent and delivery. Governor Charles Scott and Secretary J. Bledsoe signed the patent on 13 February 1809. Its margin reads "Silas McBee, 200 a., Christian, Exd & Dd to Y. Ewing, Jany 3d 1810, No 8528." Bezaleel Weir's patents for KLG 1243 and KLG 8535 were also signed on 13 February 1809 and delivered to Y. Ewing on 3 January 1810. The second page of the patent is numbered 201; the grant book is not named.

Recording and names. The back of the survey is endorsed "Silas McBee assee Bazeleel Wyer assee of Wm R. Wyer, 200 acres," "Exd & Recorded Y.E.," "No 8528," "Grant issd 13th February 1809" and "R B 9 P 176"; a second endorsement reads "Recd 23d Dec" without a year. The certificate number on the survey is written over but reads 4164. The deputy surveyor's initials before "Love, D.S." are uncertain, as is the second chain carrier's given name, read here as "Maslin." The surname is written Wier, Weir and Wyer, and the given name Bazeleel and Bezaleel, across the file.

Images / Appendix

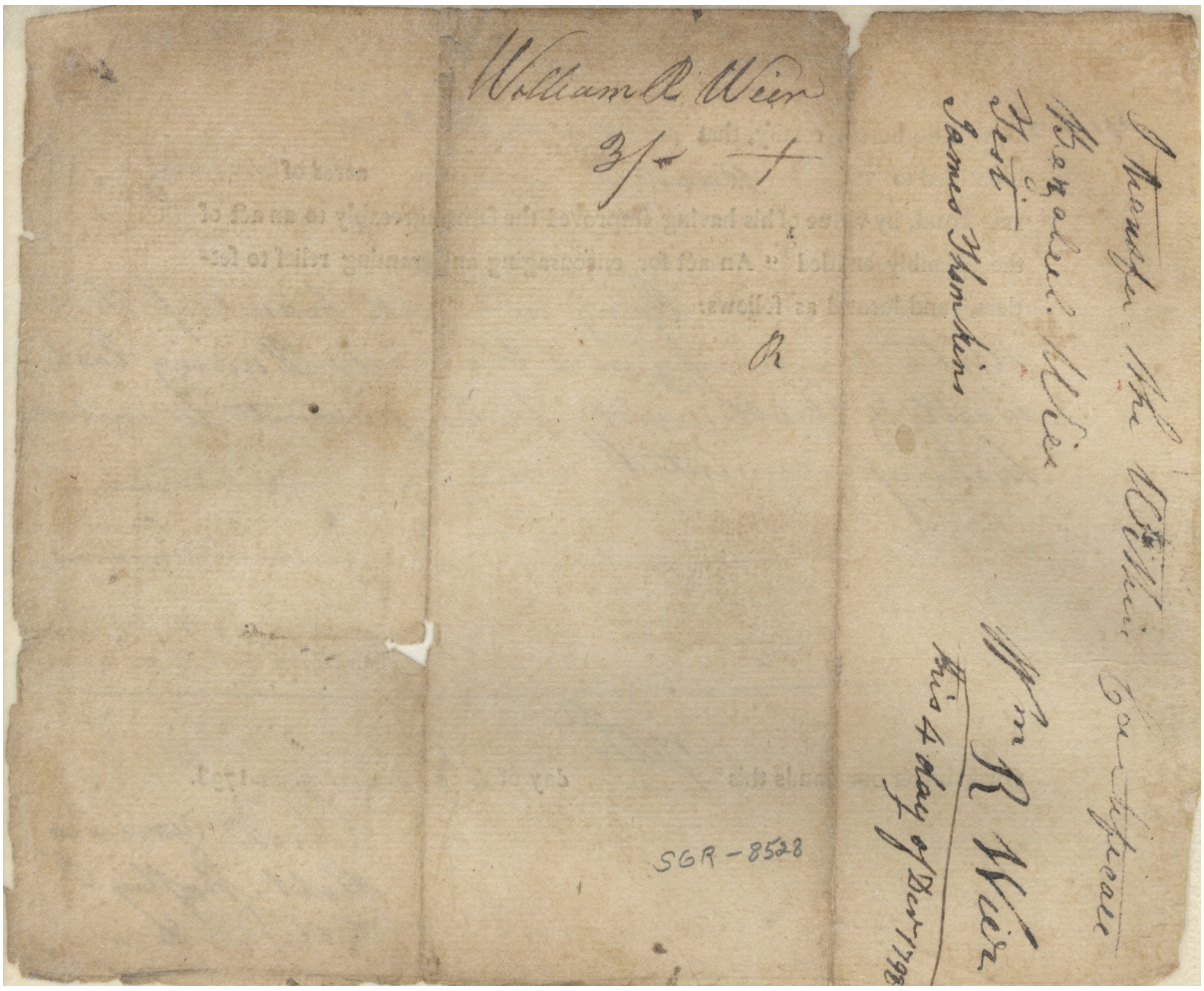


4164 WE do hereby certify, that William R Wier
is entitled to Two Hundred acres of second
rate Land, by virtue of his having improved the same, agreeably to an act of
the assembly entitled " An act for encouraging and granting relief to set-
tlers," and located as follows: lying on a North branch of Trade
Water Beginning on a black oak Running East
wardly & South wardly for Compliment to include
his improvement

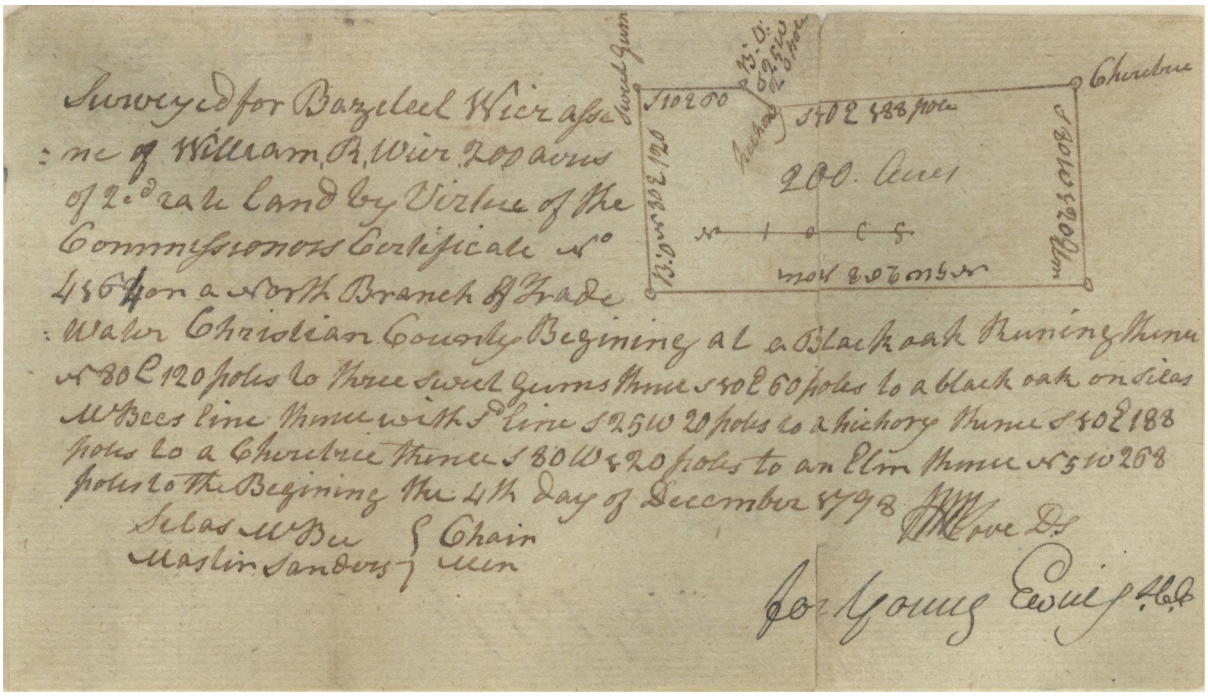
Given under our hands this 7th day of November 1798.

Richd. Young
Robt. Massey
Jas Brown

Appendix Image 1. Commissioners' Certificate No. 4164 — Front (7 November 1798).



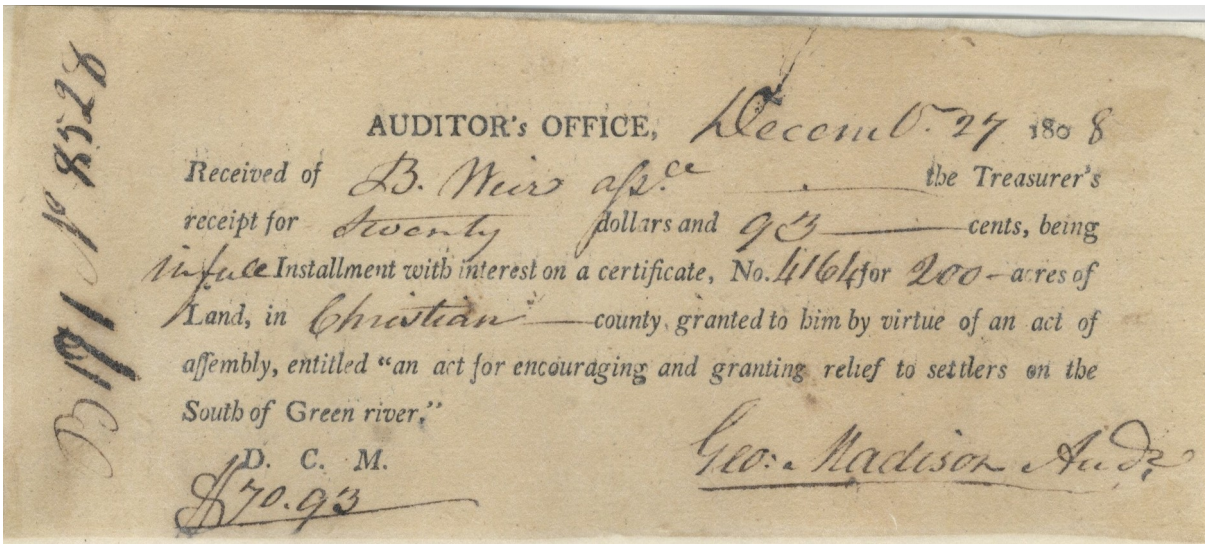
Appendix Image 2. Certificate — Back (William R. Wier to Bezaleel Wier, 4 December 1798; test. James Thomkins).



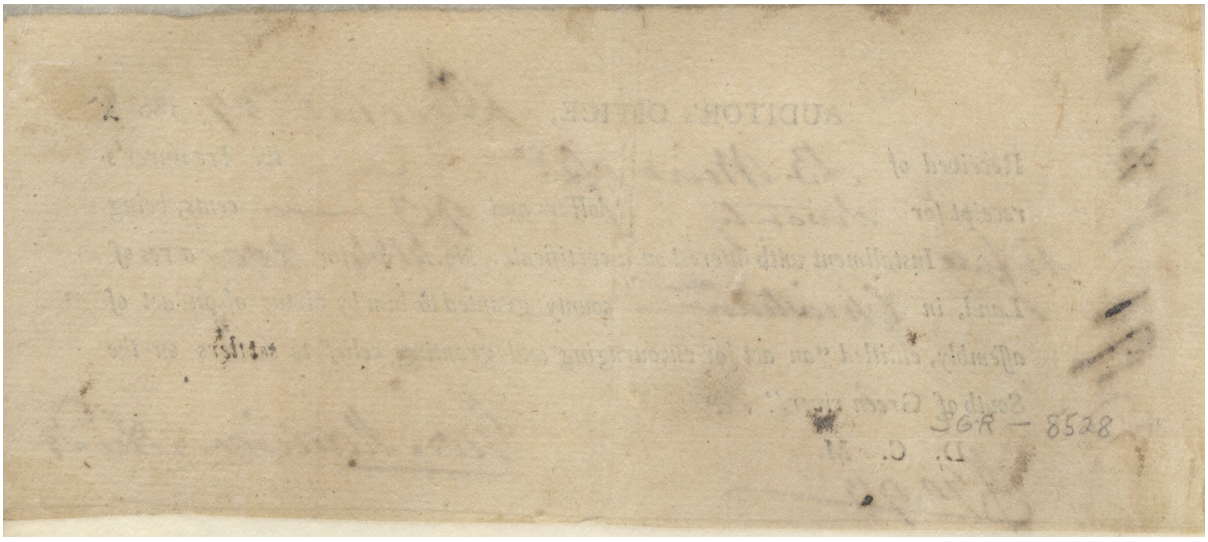
Appendix Image 3. Survey No. 8528 — Front (4 December 1798).



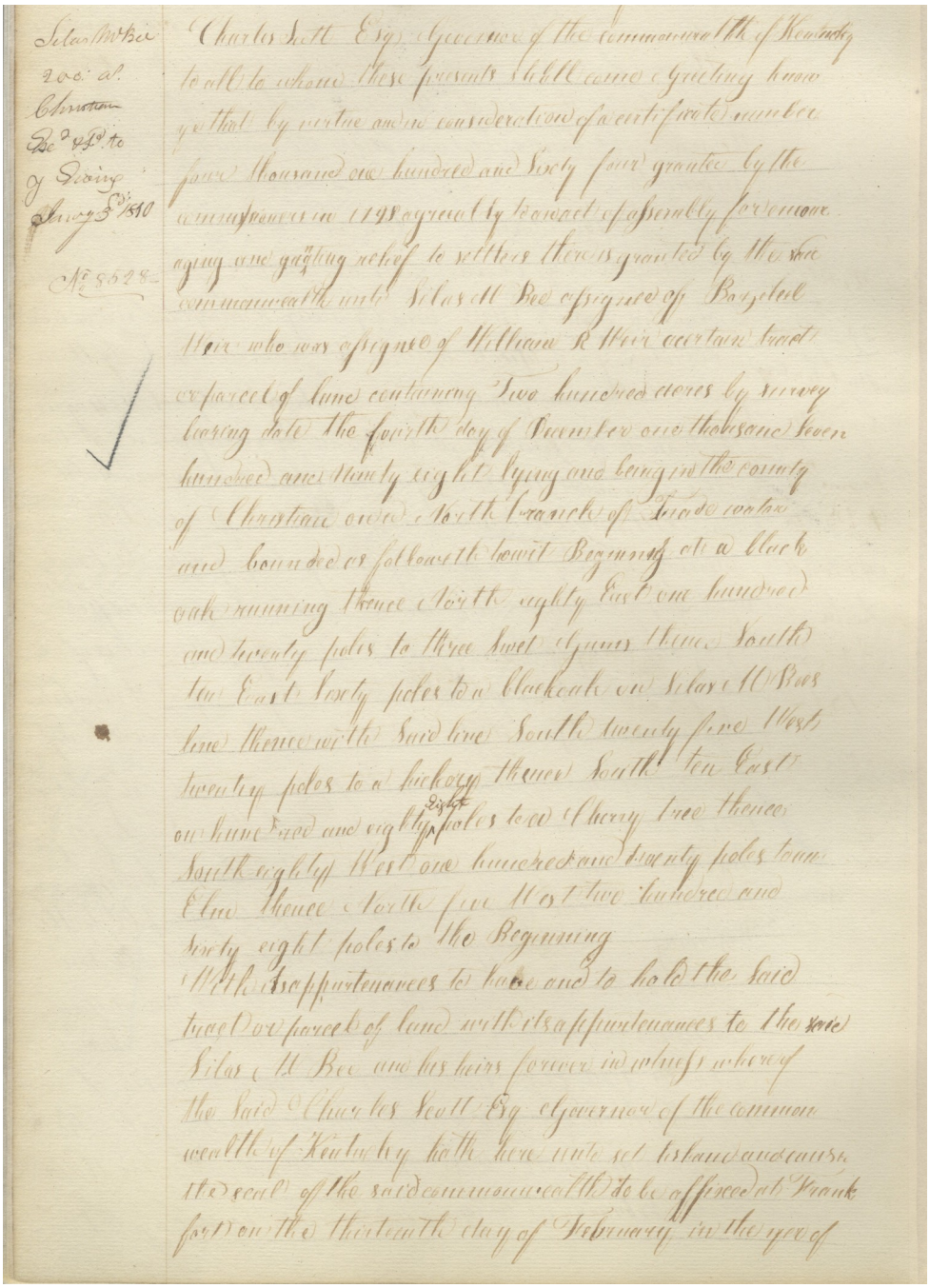
Appendix Image 4. Survey No. 8528 — Back (Bezaleel Wier to Silas McBee, 24 December 1798; test. Joshua Cates; recorded Book 9, page 176).



Appendix Image 5. Auditor's Office Receipt — Front (27 December 1808).



Appendix Image 6. Auditor's Office Receipt — Back.

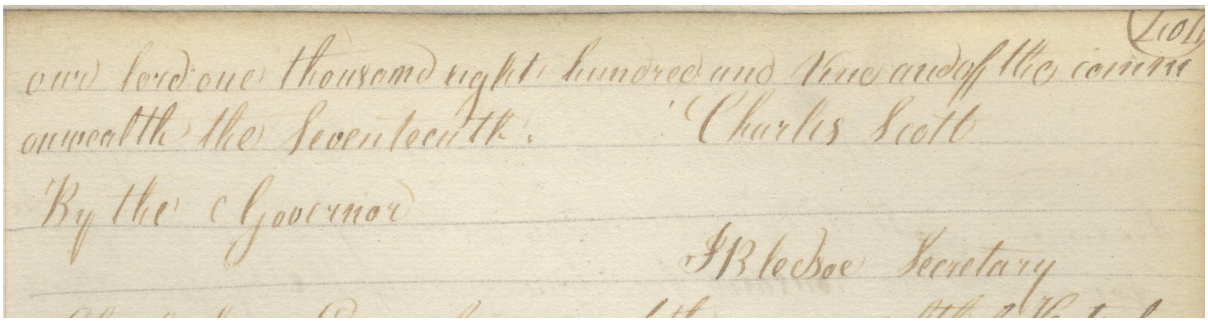


Silas McBee
200 a.
Christian
Bed & Fd. to
Y Ewing
January 3d 1810

No 8528

Charles Scott Esq. Governor of the commonwealth of Kentucky
to all to whom these presents shall come Greeting know
ye that by virtue and in consideration of a certificate number
four thousand one hundred and sixty four granted by the
commissioners in 1798 agreeably to an act of assembly for encour-
aging and granting relief to settlers there is granted by the said
commonwealth unto Silas M Bee assigned of Barzeleel
Weir who was assigned of William R Weir a certain tract
or parcel of land containing Two hundred acres by survey
bearing date the fourth day of December one thousand seven
hundred and ninety eight lying and being in the county
of Christian on a North branch of Trade water
and bounded as followeth to wit Beginning at a black
oak running thence North eighty East one hundred
and twenty poles to three Swet Gums thence South
ten East sixty poles to a blackoak on Silas M Bees
line thence with said line South twenty five West
twenty poles to a hickory thence South ten East
one hundred and eighty eight poles to a Cherry tree thence
South eighty West one hundred and twenty poles to an
Elm thence North five West two hundred and
sixty eight poles to the Beginning
With its appurtenances to have and to hold the said
tract or parcel of land with its appurtenances to the said
Silas M Bee and his heirs forever in witness whereof
the said Charles Scott Esq. Governor of the common
wealth of Kentucky hath here unto set his hand and caused
the seal of the said commonwealth to be affixed at Frank
fort on the thirteenth day of February in the year of

Appendix Image 7. Grant/Patent No. 8528, 13 February 1809 — Page 1 (margin: delivered to Y. Ewing, 3 January 1810).



Appendix Image 8. Grant/Patent No. 8528 — Page 2 (page 201; signatures of Governor Charles Scott and Secretary J. Bledsoe).