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Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Edward Hannah VAS1374

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do certify that Edward Hannah was enlisted in Washington's [probably William Washington 's] Company in April 1776 & continued in the 4th Regiment until he was captured at Charleston [May 12, 1780]; & he deposeth that he was impressed by the British & remained on board the *Sandwich* Armed Ship in which he was conveyed to St. Eustatia [St. Eustatius] & Antigua & that he deserted from the said Ship & got to Martinique & there he entered on board the French ship of war the *Sovereign* and was in the Chesapeake on board the said Ship at the taking of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] at York, that he could not prevail on the French Captain to let him return to his Regiment & he was compelled to return to the West Indies in the Fleet & that he was on board the said Ship of War when the Count de Grasse was taken & could not obtain permission to [word too faint to discern] her until the peace, the first part is known to me & the latter sworn to before me.

S/ Josiah Parker,¹ late Colonel
of the 5th Regiment

Isle of Wight County Sct. November 23rd, 1787

over

I do hereby authorize Josiah Parker Esquire to receive the allowance due me from the Country.

S/ Edward Hannah, X his mark
a drummer

[indecipherable word or words]²

November 23rd, 1787

Witness

S/ Jno. Parker

¹ [Josiah Parker VAS130](#)

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Dr. Singleton

annexed is the claim of a poor Soldier whose ignorance prevented his laying a Claim before, as the time expires the first of next month for the liquidation, be so obliging as have the necessary done for him, as it is assigned to me I do hereby request you will have it done for him. I explained his case to Colonel Meriwether when up in order that a lapse might not prevent his having justice done him.

Yours
S/ J. Parker

Isle of Wight November 23rd 1787