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Virginia documents pertaining to Thomas Chandler VAS1855
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[From [Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection](#)/ Caroline County]

To the Hon'ble the Speaker and House of Delegates.
the Petition of Thomas Chandler humbly sheweth That in June 1776 your Petitioners son Thomas Chandler Jr. inlisted as a soldier in a Company of Marines, and in december following in the land service in one of the Virginia Regiments; to which yr. Pet'r. cheerfully consented, altho his extream poverty & advanced age, made it inconvenient to him to be deprived of the assistance of his said son, That the inlistment was for three years and in 1778 [sic: 1777] the said Thomas Chandler with several others were sent as Marines on board the Brig Mosquito, under the command of Maj'r. Alex'r. Dick [Alexander Dick, pension application R13751]; were Captured with him and sent to Barbadoes [sic: Barbados], where the said Thomas died in the year 1780, without having received any pay from the time of his second inlistm'; nor that your petitioner received any part thereof altho, he is is intitled thereto, as father to the said Thomas, as he is advised – yr. Pet't. therefore humbly Prays the consideration of the House and that he may be allow'd the arrears of pay and Depreciation due his said son and [the rest missing]

Octo 28th 1789 Ref'd to Claims/ reasonable/ reported 9th Nov'r 89

[The following are from [bounty-land records from the Library of Virginia](#). Most of the online images are too illegible for transcription.]

This will certify that Thomas Chandler of Caroline County & myself enlisted early in the revolution in the company of marines commanded by Capt. Alexander Dick, for three years or during [undeciphered word], and in the spring of 1777 went with said company on board the Musquito commanded by Capt Harris [John Harris R41], & in the course of that year, were captured by the ship Ariadne, carried into Barbadoes, & after a confinement of more than seven months there, were sent over to England & put in Fortune Jail [sic: Forton Prison] – Some of our men broke jail after being confined near three years in England, & others did not get out till the treaty of peace was published [two or more illegible words]. I was of the latter number.

Moses hisXmark Stanley [Moses Standley (Stanley) W3886]

Caroline County Va.

Moses Standley made oath before me that the above certificate is true, and I certify said witness to be a credible man. Given under my hand the 16th of Sept 1837 [undeciphered] Dickenson JP

This is to certify that Thomas Chandler of Caroline county, enlisted in the company of marines commanded by capt Dick, for the term of three years or the war; in which company I enlisted also for the same term; & in the spring of 1777, he went with said company on board the brig Musquito, commanded by Capt Harris – we sailed from Norfolk early in 1777 on a cruize & were captured, & carried into Barbadoes, where the seamen were confined in Bridgtown [sic: Bridgetown] jail seven months & a half & then sent to England & put in prison ships & Fortune Jail there. After remaining about thirty two months there, I with 15 others escaped & got over to France & thence got a passage to the United States. I left Chandler in Jail, & what became of him, I cannot say.

Wm hisXmark Mitchell [William Mitchell S38221]

State of Virginia

Caroline County to wit

William Mitchell personally appeared before me and made oath to the truth of the above certificate. I

also certify him to be a credible witness
Given under my hand the 16 sept 1837

F. W. Bellevile[?] JP

The heirs of Thos Chandler allowed bounty land for three years service of said Thomas as a seaman in
the State Navy DC
March 16 1840 allowed./ Cert. iss'd.