

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Petition relating to Branson Dolby VAS1876

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[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Northampton County Legislative Papers

[Note: The images of this document posted online are illegibly faint and cannot be transcribed as posted. From a summary sheet it appears that the petition was filed by Rachel Dolby relict and widow of Branson Dolby who, according to the petitioner, enlisted in 1776 on board the armed brig *Northampton*.¹ She sought relief for his service. Her petition is dated December 9, 1807.]

¹ Search the term "Northampton" on <http://www.awiatsea.com/Index.html> to find several likely candidates for this vessel.

Also, in the Washington Papers there is a letter dated 8/15/1777 from George Washington to John Page in which GW makes reference to receiving intelligence from Capt. Francis Bright, who commanded the Virginia Navy Brig *Northampton* from 1776 to 1780. see <http://founders.archives.gov/documents/Washington/03-10-02-0614> with a footnote giving more information about Capt. Bright.