

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Petition relating to Larkin Farish VAS1989

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[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Goochland County Legislative Petitions

To the Honorable the Speaker and House of Delegates

The Petition of John Farish humbly Sheweth.

That Larkin Farish sometime in the fall of the year 1776 enlisted a Soldier for three years in the company of Marines commanded by Captain Alexander Dick.<sup>1</sup> That he with the others were put on board the *Musquito* [*Mosquito*] Brig,<sup>2</sup> and were taken near Barbados in June 1777 and confined in Goal [Jail] many months in that Island.

That the Prisoners were taken out of Goal by small numbers, put on board an English fleet and carried to Jamaica, where many of them were pressed on board an English Ship; since which, the said Larkin Farish hath not been heard of, and is therefore presumed to be dead.

That your Petitioner is the legal representative of said Larkin, and would have made application for the pay and depreciation due to him, at an earlier period, could he have obtained the proof necessary to establish the facts on which his claim was grounded.

That the Act of Assembly for adjusting & settling these Claims having been repealed, Your Petitioner therefore hath no other tribunal to resort to for relief but this Honorable House, who he prays to take his case under consideration, and extend that relief to him which they have granted to others in a similar case.

[Reverse]

John Farish

Petition November 24, 1795

Claims

Reasonable

Report in [indecipherable word]

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<sup>1</sup> [Alexander Dick R13751](#)

<sup>2</sup> *Mosquito/Musquito*. ND7:1236, ND8:965, ND9:19-20, Dandridge:187, M389, Coggins:102, ND10:924, ND11:130, 285, 887, VANavy:154, brig in VA Navy, 1776, Capts Jacob Valentine, Isaac Younghusband, and John Harris, captured and crew jailed in 1777 in Barbados and officers to Forton Prison. VANavy:154, it captured the British snow *John* and the transport *Noble*. The ship *Noble* was valued at 75,000 l ivres. Connor:345fn (1876), SchV:52, DaviesXIII:1094, privateer of Virginia, taken Aug 1777 in the West Indies by the British *Ariadne*, and part of crew to Forton Prison 8 Aug 1777. SchV:52, Kaminkow:230, 14 guns, 72 men, indicates one of two captains, John Harris or John Martin, capture of Aug 1777 for John Harris, no date for John Martin...C2, 52.Ford1776:861.ND9:19 this was apparently a VA vessel renamed *Endeavor*, later captured by *Ariadne* 4 June 1777. Silverstone:20. <http://www.awiatsea.com/Other/Hough%20List%20M.html>

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Addendum to Larkin Farish VAS1989

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I hereby Certify that Larkin Farish [the rest illegible]

Spotsylvania County to wit

This day William Stanley personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County and made oath that some time in the year 1776 Larkin Farish inlisted as a [illegible] soldier for three years under Lieut. George Catlett [W2524] and a short time after the said Larkin Farish was taken prisoner and have [illegible] Given under my hand this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of may 1821 Wm F Fulcher  
[other side]

Caroline County to wit

This day Moses Stanley [Moses Standley (Stanley) W3886] of lawful age appeared before me and made oath that the within named Larkin Farish served in the Marines service [several undeciphered words] were taken prisoners [the rest mostly undeciphered]

The heirs of Larkin Farish Pray that a land warrant may issue in there favour for the Quantity of Land that they are intitled to and all the pay the aforesaid Larkin Farish was intitled to for his Services from the time of his Enlistment to the Expiration of his services.