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Virginia documents pertaining to William Barron VAS2404
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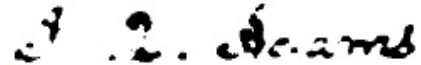
[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

John W Murdaugh Esq Portsmouth Virginia
Washington 30 May 1832

Sir In the month of February 1778 I embarked with my Father [John Adams, US envoy to France] in the frigate Boston at Boston for France where we arrived almost the last of March of that year The first Lieutenant of the Frigate was William Barron of Virginia. A few days before the arrival of the Frig'e Lieutenant Barron [two or three undeciphered words], and Thigh Shattered by the bursting of a Cannon fired by him or his order to bring to a vessel then in sight, for examination. An immediate amputation of the limb was necessary and Lieutenant Barron died a few days after. I have a distinct recollection of being present at the performance of the general Service over his remains when they were committed to the deep[?]. I have in my possession [one or two undeciphered words] of the journal of that Voyage at my residence in Massachusetts in which the melancholy event of Lieutenant Barrons death is recorded – not having access to it at this time I cannot name the precise day when it occurred but it was within the ten last days of March 1778. The [one or two undeciphered words] in which Lieutenant Barron was [undeciphered word] on board the Ship rendered the disastrous accident which [undeciphered word] in his death one of the most painfully impressive events which I have witnessed in the course of my Life

I am very respectfully Sir, your obed't Serv't J. Q. Adams

[John Quincy Adams, then Congressman, late US President]



Commodore James Barron [W12264] on behalf of Anne Mortimer Barron respectfully represents that Wm Barron father of said Anne was a native citizen of Elizabeth City County in the State of Virginia, & was by profession a mariner. That he was appointed the first Lieutenant of the Continental frigate "Boston" during the war of the Revolution & whilst in service was killed. Com'dore Barron begs to refer the Executive of Virginia to the certificate of the Honorable John Quincy Adams, herewith filed and to refer them to 10th Hen. Page 339 [Hening's Virginia Statutes at Large <http://vagenweb.org/hening/vol10-16.htm>]. He begs that the daughter of Lieut Wm Barron may be allowed her father bounty land Richmond July 12th 1832 James Barron for Ann Barron by J W Murdaugh