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Virginia documents pertaining to David Brown VAS2688  
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Extracts from the Journal of the Navy Board. [copies certified 23 Nov 1850]  
Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> 1777.

Present, / Mr. Whiting, Mr. Archer, and Mr. Sairs.

Ordered, that Dr [James] McClung be desired to furnish Dr. Brown, of the Dragon, galley, with such medicines as he may think necessary for the use of the Said Galley. / From Page 295.

Thursday, the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 1778:

Ordered, That Dr. McClung deliver to Dr. Brown such medicines as he may think necessary for the use of the Ship Dragon. / From Page 454.

Wednesday, the 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1778.

Ordered that the Keeper of the Public Store deliver to Dr. Brown twelve pounds of Coffee, one pound tea, fifty weight Sugar, two doz. bottles of wine, for the use of the sick on board the Ship Dragon. From Page 455.

Thursday, the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 1778.

Ordered, that Dr. Brown have leave of absence from the service of the Navy til the last of this month. From Page 520.

Virginia Elizabeth City County, Towit:

The affidavit of James Burke [James Burk S6649], of said county, made and taken this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 1832, before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid. The said Burke being duly sworn and desired to state what officers he knew to have served in the Virginia State Navy in the War of the Revolution, made the following statement in the premises to wit: that he, the said Burke, knew personally and distinctly remembers the following officers of the State Navy. Commodore James Barron [W12264], and Captain Richard Barron [R5], under whom, principally, this affiant served three years as [undeciphered word] – also David Brown, Surgeon, Captain Thomas Herbert [R15006] and Captain George Ralls, the latter of whom was captured at sea, Lieutenants Thomas Humphlett [R45], Pasco Herbert [Pascow (Pasco) Herbert R43], and Richard Servant, who died in service, Robert Jobson[?] and James Banks [W5762], sailing masters, Ross Mitchell [VAS711], John Parrish [VAS138], Mark Parrish [VAS139], and Wm. Parris [William Parrish VAS140], and Caesar Tenant, pilots, John Gibson [R52], James Gibson [VAS1833], and William Allman [VAS2225], gunners, John Burke [John Burk?], brother of this affiant, Carpenter, Matthew Lewis [W7909], Carpenter's mate, and Edward Bully, Boatswain – all of which said Officers were from Elizabeth City County, and mostly from the town of Hampton, and served out their time in the State Navy, with the exceptions of George Ralls and Richard Servant, as before stated. Further this affiant saith not. Sworn to by the said James Burke, before me, a


Justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 1832.

I certify that I belonged to the navy of Virginia in the time of the revolutionary war, and served on board of the ship Dragoon in the capacity of clerk and Midshipman. I further certify that I now have in my possession the original book of the said ship Dragon, and that David Brown stands charged on the said book as surgeon of said ship with pay from the 21st July 1777 to the 3d may 1778, and that the said book then shews that he s'd Brown was turned over to the Ship Tartar. I was acquainted with s'd Brown, & saw

him in or about the year 1783 or 1784 in the city of New York.

David Henderson [S5506]

[Fredericksburg VA, 29 July 1835]



The Heirs of Dr. David Brown, who was a Surgeon of the State Navy respectfully ask a consideration of their claim for bounty Land.

They beg leave to file additional record evidence of his service, which, with the [undeciphered] heretofore filed they think establishes their claim to the allowance in such cases usual.

Nov. 15 1850

James Burcher[?]/ John Brown & others/ Heirs of Dr D. Brown

The affidavit of Ann Payne, taken this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 1851, before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County [sic]. The said Ann Payne, being duly sworn, deposeth, and saith, that she knew well, and intimately, Doctor David Brown of the County of Elizabeth City, in the state of Virginia. That the said David Brown was, to her knowledge, surgeon of one of the vessels of the Virginia Navy, the name of which she does not now recollect, from early in the war of the Revolution, till the Navy was laid up. She cannot state with precision the time of his service, but has no doubt that he served more than three years. And further, this affiant saith not.

Sworn to by Ann Payne before me, a Justice of the Peace, in and for the County aforesaid, the day and year first before written.

J M Willis J.P.

Rejected Nov'r 25, 1850.

Feb'y 27<sup>th</sup> 1851./ Advised to be allowed for a service of three years. He could not be entitled to more, because, by the Act of No'r 1781, the Surgeons, and other Staff officers, of the Navy, were all dismissed the service. See St. at Large Vol 10 p 450 [Hening's Statutes at Large <http://vagenweb.org/hening/vol10-21.htm>].

Approved/ J B Floyd [Gov. John B. Floyd]