

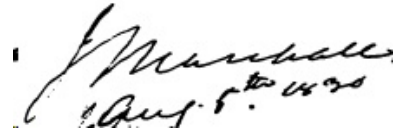
Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Thomas Bullitt VAS2760
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Bullett, Thomas.]

I was in Williamsburg in October 1775 as an officer in the Culpeper minute battalion I there saw Colo Thomas Bullett & understood that he belonged to the staff. I have some idea that he was Adjutant General. I saw him viewing some slight works – Chevaux de frise – round the armory and understood they were constructed under his superintendence. I marched with the detachment to the Great Bridge and have never seen Colo. Bullett since.

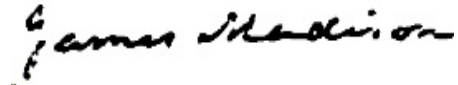
John Marshall [S5731; Chief Justice, US Supreme Court]
Aug 5th 1830



Sir [Mr King] Montpelier Aug. 27 1830

I rec'd by yesterdays mail your letter of the 14th and am sorry I cannot aid in satisfying the enquiry it makes concerning Gen'l Thomas Bullett. I recollect that in the year 1775 I saw him in Williamsburg where I happened to be, tho' not in the character you suppose, and when he was stationed in a military command; but I had no acquaintance with him. Of the time of his death & whether he died in the continental service I am entirely ignorant. With his brother Cuthbert I became acquainted in the year following, being both members of the Convention in that year.

With respect/ James Madison
[former President of the US]



Dear Sir I Received your letter on the tenth instant, I have [undeciphered word] to say on the subject Required off you, as I was very young at the time, in answer to your questions I will state to the Best of my Recollection, in your first question you ask me if I was acquainted with Colo. Thos. Bullit, I Remember him very well.

Your second question your Request to know he was in actual service as adjutant general. my impression is that he was in actual service, But what rank or office or what part of the army he was [undeciphered] I know not

Neither do I Remember how long he was in the service of his Country

I do not know at what place he died he did not die at his Estate in Fauquire [sic: Fauquier County VA], Neither did I ever hear of his Resignation

Miss Mary Stallard of Culpeper County I think Can give the Nisesary Information Required

I am yours Respectfully/ Lewis Shumate Sen'r

NB my impression [is] that he died in the year [ink blot] 13 Dec'r 1830

Mrs Russell Rea was a Bullitt & Sister to Mr Stallard and lives a few miles below Fredericksburg

This to Sertify that I Remmember Colo Thomas Bullit Very will I Believe from his appearence that he was an officer in the Revolutionary War, But what was his rank, I no not, Neither do I know where he died, he did not die at his farm in Fauquire County Virginia, I Remmember two Black Horses that would run up by Beating on the head of a Cask, my impression is that he wore an [undeciphered word], Carried a Sword, had Holsters on his Saddle with pistles my impression is that he departed this life in 1778 my Father was manager for Colo Bullit on his farm in Fauquire County this 28 Feb'y 1831

Lewis Shumate

Locust Grove Spotsylv'a C'ty [Spotsylvania County VA] 2nd March 1831

Dear Sir [John King of Richmond] Yours of — last month was received, & would have been promptly answered, but I was, at that time confined to a sick bed, & not capable of attending to any business. With respect to Col. Bullitt's services in revolutionary war, I can say nothing positively as most of my services during the war was with the Northern Army. I was at the Battle of the Great Bridge near Norfolk [9 Dec 1775], & while on that tour, was several times in company with a Lieutenant Bullitt, tho' do not recollect his cristian name or where he was from. I was intimately acquainted with Judge [Cuthbert] Bullitt and often heard it mentioned, that his Brother, Col Thomas Bullitt, was an Officer in the Revolutionary War. not being acquainted with Col. B. nor having served with him during the war, can say nothing that would have a bearing on his claim. There is two or three acquaintances of myne, that was with Gen'l [William] Woodford at the South, who might be acquainted with Col. Bullitt I will make inquiry of them respecting Col. B. & if they recollect any thing of him, will inform you immediately of it.

Y'rs mo's Respectfully

Tho. Minor [Thomas Minor W5374]



I am so feeble at this time that it [it is with] difficulty I have been able to address you this.

I hereby certify that from what I heard of Colo. Thomas Bullitt, at different times and places, I have no doubt in saying, he acted as adjutant, in the Revolutionary War, I had no personal acquaintance with Colo Bullitt

I served in the 3^d Regiment of Virginia from 1776 to December 1777, during which time, I was in several Battles Viz. I was at a battle near New York, also White Planes [sic: White Plains 28 Oct 1776], Brandy Wine [Brandywine 11 Sep 1777] & Germantown [4 Oct 1777], I then left the Virginia line & Joined Colo. Milons [sic: Stephen Moylan] Company of Horse of Pennsylvania and served in that Company from December 1777 to December 1780. Colo Weden [sic: George Weedon BLWt2418-850] commanded the 3^d Regiment.

Given under my hand this 4th day of March 1831

Wm. Tomlin [William Tomlin S6261]

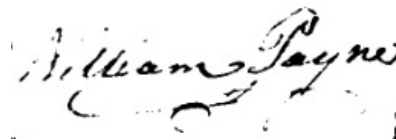
[4 March 1831, Warrenton VA]



Fauquier 18th March 1831

I hereby Certify that I knew Colo Thomas Bullitt in the year 1776 in Williamsburg and I understood that he belonged in the Army. I never heard of his resignation in the army neither do I recollect hearing [undeciphered word] of his death. I further state that I commanded a Militia Company from Falmouth at the time that Lord Dunmore burnt Brents House in Stafford County in the year 1776 [William Brent VAS2639, 16 Jul 1776]

William Payne [S8938]



I considered Williamsburg as the General rendezvous, in short the Head quarters of the Virginia Troops until the removal of the Seat of Government from there [undeciphered]

The Detachment to Hampton consisted as I believe, entirely of Minute Men, principally composed of the Culpeper Battalion & was commanded by Lieutenant Colo [Edward] Stevens, — they with Minute Men from other Counties of the second Regiment of regular Troops, commanded by Colo Woodford Marched in the fall of 1775 to Norfolk by the way of the Greatbridge.

The Culpeper Minute Men returned home some time in the Spring 1776 after the Departure of Lord Dunmore from Virginia [7 Aug 1776], all or most of the Virginia regular Troops went to the North,


in that Year,

I do not recollect any invasion of the enemy of Virginia in the year 1777 – a number of the Militia, say as far south as the Rappahannock were sent in the fall of that year to Head quarters in Pennsylvania, there was certainly no enemy in the State at that time,

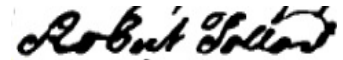
I have no recollection that the State of Virginia appointed an Adjutant General to succeed Colo Bullitt, and I fell satisfied that none other was appointed

Robert Pollard [S5944]

Richmond 2 May 1831
RD.



There were two Regiments of Regular Troops raised in 1775 & seven additional Regiments were directed to be raised by the Convention in the session of 1775-1776



Richmond May [part missing from online image] 1831

I do certify that Lieut Colo Thomas Bullitt early in the year 1776 was appointed by Congress Lieu Adjutant General for the Southern Army & in M[part missing] 1776 he was promoted to the Rank of Colo. I never knew or heard of Colo Thos Bullitts Resignation

William DuVal [S8362]



See 1 vol of the Jour of Congress which [undeciphered word] the Virginia [undeciphered]

Interrogatories to Major Wm. Duval who was an Officer in the Revolutionary War & commanded a Company as early as 1775–

1 Was not Williamsburg the head Quarters or Rendezvous for the Troops of Virginia in the War of the Revolution particularly in 1775 & 1776? Answer in the Affirmative. [signed] W DuVal

2 Were not Detachments of the Troops sent to Norfolk, Hampton & other points from Williamsburg to meet fight & repel the Enemy during his invasions in 1775 & 1776? Answer in the Affirmative

[signed] W DuVal

3 Were not Virginia & the southern states generally freed from the Enemy or rather were not they clear of Battles & Skirmishes during the whole of the year 1777 The Seat of War being then at [illegible] Answer to the third Question that in the year 1777 [illegible] to the North North. I do not recollect that Virginia [illegible] in 1777.

[signed] W DuVal

4 Had not Virginia also a little respite in 1776 from Fighting &c with the Enemy after the Departure [of] Lord Dunmore from the State? In 1776 General [part missing] he sailed to Capt Henlopen & from thence 1776 to south Carolina. The British were defeated on their Attack on Fort Moultrie [Battle of Sulivan Island SC, 28 Jun 1776] after the departure of Dunmore I believe we were not invaded in 1776

[signed] W DuVal

5. Do you recollect how many Regiments were raised in Virginia in 1775 & 1776? In 1775 Virginia Raised 2 State Regiments & I think in 1776 we raised some Garrison Regiments and 6 Regiments for the Continental Service & at different times afterwards our Continental Regiments of the Virginia were augmented to 18[?] Regiments including the first & second State Regiments

[signed] W DuVal

6. Did you know or ever hear of the resignation of Col. Thomas Bullitt an officer of the Revolutionary War who died during that War? Answer to the 6th Question I never did hear of the Resignation of Colo Thomas Bullitt who was Deputy Adjutant General appointed by Congress for the Southern Army. he was esteemed a good Officer I have heard that he died in the Service. I do not believe that he ever in his service resigned his Commission.

[9 May 1831]

Mr. Bullitt

Richmond 12 May 1831

Gent'n: In presenting the claim for military services of Col Thomas Bullitt for your consideration permit me to observe;

That, Thomas Bullitt was an officer in the Indian or French War before the Revolutionary struggle & was appointed an officer early in the Revolution, as the accompanying certificates &c will shew:

Col. Bullitt died a single man & gave all his Estate real & personal (except a few Legacies) to his Brother Cuthbert Bullitt who was afterwards made Judge of the Court of Appeals of this Commonwealth:

When the judge died he bequeathed to his children (except some legacies & a little Kentucky Land designated by the will) all of his Estate [undeciphered word] &c viz to his son Thomas his Eastern or Virginia Lands which was in Fauq & Prince William [counties] & to his four Daughters the residue of his Estate which consisted of the Western Lands &c.

Sophira the youngest daughter died without married & left by will all of her Estate (except some trifles & Legacies &c) including the Western Land to her three surviving Sisters, namely, Francis [sic] Sarah, & Helen Grant Bullitt – the first married a Mr Garrard (afterwards Governor of one of the Western Territories or States) a Major Barns married the second and a Capt. James Hine the third. Capt H I think was appointed a Commodore in the U. S. Navy a few weeks before his death in place of Trapton[?] resign'd.

All of which daughters are now dead; but Francis or Mrs Garrard; Mrs Sarah Barns & Mrs. Helen G. Heine each left children who now claim heirship & are justly entitled to the said western Lands &c and all of the [undeciphered word] of the Will of said Cuthbert Bullitt as residuary Legatees (being his grand children) [several undeciphered words] this claim also.

Mrs. Hine who died a widow, left by will, all of her Estate to her children to be equally divided between them; I am not advised wheather the other two daughters made any disposition of their Estate previous to their deaths but all of said children now claim an in't. as heirs of said Estate & Joint heirs of this claim for military services of said Col. Thomas Bullitt their great uncle.

And if the bounty Land & pay be granted them they wish it designated as given to the heirs of said Judge Bullitt in the following form viz. to the children of Francis Garrard dec'd one third thereof, to the children of Sarah Barns dec'd and third to the children of Mrs. Helen G. Hine dec'd one third thereof.

The will of Col. Thomas Bullitt (accompanies this [not found]) the Will of his brother Judge Bullitt of Sophia Bullitt & of Mrs. Hine I had, but left them with a passel in Kentucky, when there, which if necessary will be procur'd or Copies thereof from the Records in Prince Wm. County.

I married one of the grand daughters of said Judge Bullitt Miss Helen Hine & was Executor of her mothers Estate by will & am now acting in behalf of the heirs Respectfully John King
P.S. I omitted to say that Major Barns died a very short time after the death of Mrs. B. his wife without having made a Will & that it was suppos'd that Mrs. Garrard was dead as he had not been with his family for some years previous to the death of Mrs G who resided in Kentucky & that the impression that among others here that Mrs. G died intestate in Louisville. J.K

1st In 1775 Two regiments were raised by the State of Virginia [illegible] Culpeper minute batalion to which I at that time belonged marched to Williamsburg in September 1775. The head quarters of both the 1st & 2^d Regiment of regulars was then at that place. Detachments were sent out to positions on the river.

2^d A body of regulars commanded by Colonel Woodford of the 2^d Regiment marched from the Great Bridge as did also a detachment of the culpeper minute battalion. After the battle of the Great Bridge the greater part of this corps marched to Norfolk.

3^d I joined the northern army in the beginning of 1777. I was appointed an officer in the continental line

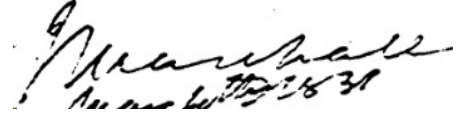
in 1776

4 Virginia was not invaded in 1777, as far as I recollect.

5 I saw Colonel Thomas Bullitt at Williamsburg in 1775. He appeared to have the superintendence of some Cheveaux de frise around the Magazine. I have never I believe seen him since, nor do I recollect ever to have heard any thing said of his resignation or continuance in service

John Marshall

May 20th 1831



Hagley, 26th of May 1831

Dear Sir,/ Your letter under date of the 20th is this instant received, and the affidavit of Capt. Wallace shall be obtained as soon as practicable & forwarded to you. At present he is not near me; he will be in this neighborhood, but how soon is uncertain. I had a long & minute conversation with him in regard to the service of Mr Bullitt. All that he knows, or can now say is, that, about the commencement of the war of the Revolution, Mr Bullitt was appointed Adju't General to the Virginia State Troops in the service then That acting as Adjutant Gen'l Mr Bullitt was at the Great Bridge, Norfolk &c &c. Mr Wallace says that he has no knowledge how long Mr Bullitt served in that, or in any other capacity, but knows that he died during the war. For so much you may rely of Mr Wallace to testify, but no more. And I state it that you may decide how far his evidence may serve your object; and act accordingly. It seems to me that Chief Justice Marshall can give you useful information on this subject. He knew Mr Bullitt, and is, I think, a relative of that family. As soon as it is in my power to obtain the affidavit of Capt Wallace, you shall have it. In the mean time I am dear Sir yours truly

John Taliaferro

Note—It appears from the 2nd Vol. of the Journal of Congress of 1777-8 that Thomas Bullett is recognized as D. Adj Gen'l with the rank of a Colonel/ (See page 67)

I was appointed adjutant to the Culpeper Minute Battallion that Marched to Williamsb'g in October 1775, where I became acquainted with Colo Thomas Bullitt, who was called Adjutant General, I believe that orders came through him acting in that Capacity. I returned home from Williamsburg, and shortly after joined that part of the Battallion that went to the Great Bridge & from thence to Norfolk. I do not recollect having heard of Thos Bullitt after leaving Williamsburg

Richmond Aug't 5th 183[1?]

Robert Pollard

I never understood that Colo Bullett resigned/ RP



To his Excellency David Campbell/ Governor of Virginia

Your petitioner one of the heirs of Colonel Thomas Bullitt late of the Virginia & Continental Line of the army of the Revolution – Respectfully represents to your Excellency that his ancestor Colo Bullitt entered the Service as he has been informed and verily believes early in the year 1775 – that he was adjutant General as early as 17 August 1775 (see Journal of the Convention pages 100 & 101) That he never resigned, and continued in the service until the time of his death which took place in the year 1778, as will appear by his will, filed with the papers on which his heirs received Land Bounty in 1832, to which he begs leave to refer your Excellency.

Your petitioner has been advised, that by the Laws of Virginia Land Bounty should have been allowed to the end of the War, and he prays of your Excellency a reconsideration of his case, and that the additional bounty be now allowed.

And your petitioner will ever pray &c
[12 Feb 1838]

Wileman Thomas
one of the heirs of the/ late Colo Thos Bullitt

I hereby Certify that it appears from the Journal of the Convention of Virginia, that Thomas Bullett was Adjutant General as early as the 17th August 1775. I further Certify that it does not appear from such examination as we have been able to make, or from any document found in ths office, that Colonel Thomas Bullett of the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution, ever resigned.

Given under my hand at the Auditors Office/ Richmond this 12th day of February 1838

Jas E. Heath Aud