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Virginia documents pertaining to Richard Dale VAS3253
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[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) erroneously indexed as Dalby, Branson.]

John M Dale son & heir at law of Richard Dale dec'd represents that his father was a native Citizen of Virginia. That he in the Autumn of 1775 joined the State Navy under Capt John Barrett [John Barret VAS2402] and in March 1776 was Captured by the Enemy in James River. He was afterwards released & in July 1776 entered as a Midshipman on board the Lexington and continued in service of the Country untill the end of the war in November 1783 when he was a Lieutenant under the Chevalieur John Paul Jones [VAS1299]. By the Resolution of the General Assembly Nov'r 1779 P539 – 10th Hen St. at Large [Hennings Statutes at Large, vol. 10. <http://vagenweb.org/hening/vol10-25.htm>] the same bounty is allowed to those citizens of the state who served in a line or corps of the continental service, as is allowed to those of the State & Va Continental lines. He begs to refer to the life of Paul Jones (in the State Library) P361 & 362-3 for proof of the services of Lieut Dale who was in the service eight years. He refers to the Resolution of the Gen. Ass'y 1779 – Hen P539 and submits the claim of his father to the Governour & Council of Virginia
Dec'r 8th 1831/ J. Murdaugh

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

J W Murdaugh on behalf of the heirs of Lieut. Richard Dale respectfully requests the Executive of Virginia to re-examine the claim of Lieut. Dale to Land bounty lately allowed for three years service. The evidence on which this claim was allowed incontestably proves that Lieut Dale was in the war from March 1776 to November 1783 when the war terminated having served seven years, eight months & a half. J W Murdaugh requests that the additional allowance may be granted for the One year & Eight months serv'd over & above six years.
Richmond July 12th 1832

J W Murdaugh on behalf of the heirs of Lieut Richard Dale decd. formerly of the Virginia State Navy & afterwards of the Continental Navy respectfully represents that the usual bounty in land was allowed to the heirs in 1832 for Three years services as a Lieutenant in the Navy. Lieut. Dale entered the Navy on the 1st of March 1776 and continued to the end of the war, a period of seven years & 8 months J W Murdaugh on behalf of the heirs respectfully requests that the additional bounty for a service of One year & 8 months over six years may be allowed
Richmond Feby 8th 1839
To His Excellency/ The Governour of Virg'a

Rejected March 23 1840. DC [Gov. David Campbell]