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Virginia documents pertaining to Elisha Simpson and William Simpson VAS4450  
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I certify that John Bull sen'r who is a man of truth & veracity came before me & made oath that William Simpson & Elisha Simpson enlisted as Seamen on board of Watsons [Johannes Watson VAS2458] galley called the Diligence & served till said galley was laid up [see endnote] & her crew discharged. Witness my hand & seal this 19<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1832  
Wm. R. Custis J.P.

William Thornton Sen'r aged about 75 years & who is a man of unquestionable veracity made oath before me that he lived on Guilford creek near where the galley Diligence was built & manned, and that William Simpson & Elisha Simpson enlisted on board said galley when said galley was first manned & remained in service till s'd galley was dismantled – a period of from three to four years. Witness my hand & seal this 20<sup>th</sup> Sep't 1832 at Accomack County  
Jno F Riley JP

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June 1786, in the name of Wm. Simpson as a Seaman for £36.1.10, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Colo. Cropper [John Cropper W3781].

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November 1832.  
Jas E. Heath AUDITOR.

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 1785, in the name of Elisha Simpson as a Seaman for £51.19.3, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Colo. Cropper.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November 1832.  
Jas E. Heath AUDITOR.

For a synopsis of the acts of Assembly respecting th galleys "Accomack & Diligence" the Executive will please refer to the papers filed in William Miles's [VAS666] claim & for additional testimony of witnesses as to the time those galleys were in service please examine the papers in Robert Whites [Robert White VAS4451] claim.

The witnesses would appear to be mistaken as to the Gally on which these persons served which the lists shew them to have been the Accomack/ Claims allowed W.R.

NOTE: The *Diligence* was laid up in May 1780 according to Richard Parker (R81).