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Virginia documents pertaining to Henry Tyler VAS4793
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To the Executive of Virg'a. [22 Sep 1834]

Your memorialists Alice P Tyler of Stafford county Virg'a Thomas E. Baird and Mary Ann Baird his wife (formerly Tyler) of Alexandria being the children of Thos. G. Tyler late of Stafford County and who was the brother of Henry Tyler late of Prince William County, and the sole heirs at Law of the s'd Henry Tyler their uncle, and who your memorialists are informed, was a midshipman in the Virg'a Navy in the War of the Revolution – your memorialists do not state these facts as of their own knowledge, as from their want of age it sho'd not be expected that they sho'd. be acquainted with such matters but from information rec'd from others they believe the facts to be stated. They pray that such proofs as they may be enabled to furnish, may be received to sustain their claims as the heirs at Law of the s'd Henry Tyler with such bounty land as according to the laws & customs of Virginia, the services of their s'd uncle may entitle them to and that such proofs of his services as the records of the Navy may shew, may be receiv'd in addition to such affidavits as they may procure in order to establish their claims afors'd and they will every pray &c Thos. E. Baird Mary A Baird Alice P Tyler

State of Virg'a. Prince Wm. County to wit

personally came before the subscriber, a justice of the peace in & for the sd County Hugh Davis [S10136], a respectable citizen of sd. county, aged 77 yrs and upwards and made oath that he was acquainted with the late Henry Tyler and has repeatedly heard him say, and has generally understood that he was a first Midshipman in the Virg'a Navy in the Revolutionary War and that he did not return from s'd Service till after the Siege of York [19 Oct 1781]. This affiant lived in the same section of the country that s'd Tyler went from and returned to and was badly wounded in the latter part of 1779 and was discharged, and reached home after the usual time of planting corn in the year 1780. The residence of affiant and said Tyler was in the county of Pince William State of Virg'a and not far from the Potomac River. This affiant belonged to Lee's Legion at he time of receiving the wound above mentions and further he saith not. Given under my hand this 20 day of April 1835.

Report upon the Petition of the heirs of Henry Tyler, a midshipman in the State Navy, for bounty for his services.

To the Governor Sir, This claim has been submitted by the Petitioners, without proof of service, &c except the testimony of one witness.

It appears, that Henry Tyler was a midshipman, on board the Tempest in September 1779. He is nam'd as midshipman, in an order for necessaries for the Officers on board the Tempest, for one month from Sept. 8 1779 which order appears to have been sign'd by James Barron [VAS1949], and accepted by the Steward of the Tempest. (see papers of the Tempest in Vol. 1st Navy Papers.)

I have seen no further proof of the service of Henry Tyler Midshipman &c. I have seen no proof of his having resign'd, or voluntarily retir'd from the service. He was reported by me, in doc. no. 33 Journal of the H. of Delegates 1833-34 as one of those officers of the Navy, who might be entitled to bounty for a service of 3 years.

It is not in my power to report any other facts, in favor of, or against, this Claim.

Respectfully submitted/ John H. Smith Com'r &c/ May 15th 1835