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Virginia documents pertaining to James Wood VAS5066  
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[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Journal of the House of Delegates

Saturday Decb'r 3<sup>rd</sup> 1796 page 56 5<sup>th</sup> line fr. Top

“Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the petition of James Wood, praying that the Auditor of public accounts may be directed to issue to him a certificate for the depreciation of pay due him for a Service of three years as a pilot in the Navy of this State, in the Course of the late War with Great Britain is reasonable”

To The Governor of Virginia

Your petitioners William Wood & others Respectfully states

That their father James Wood was a Pilot of the Virginia State Navy in time of the Revolution, more than 3 years & never received the land Bounty promised him by Virginia.

In 1796, their father petitioned the Legislature for his depreciation (there was no land at that time provided) and proved to the satisfaction of the Legislature that he was in service more than 3 years

They cannot now obtain the vouchers then produced; but the Journals of the Legislature show that the proof was satisfactory.

Your petitioners ask that the land Bounty given to others who performed like services may be allowed them  
William Wood & others by their atto A. M. Green

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[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Virginia York County

This is to Certify that I was intimately with James Wood who was a Pilot in the Navy of Virginia in the Revolutionary War and feel confident in saying that said James Wood served more than three years as a Pilot in the Navy aforesaid. there are many circumstances which cause me to remember him well; one among them was that he was a large & powerfull man, and from that Circumstance was called the Bully of Hampton

Given und my hand this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 1838  
Henry Buchanan [S37807]



To The Gov. of Va.

The memorial of the heirs of James Wood respectfully state that he was a Pilot in the Navy of Va. during a greater part of the War of the Revolution, but never received the land bounty to which he was entitled.

Satisfactory proof was adduced to the Legislature in 1796 that he was more than [illegible] years in service.

See the Journals of the House of Delegates of the 3 Dec'r. 1796 page 56 5<sup>th</sup> line from the top.

As no particular form of evidence, is necessary, it is presumed the above resolutions will be be satisfactory of the truth of the statements made, & the Bounty due a Pilot for 3 yrs service is respectfully solicited  
Thomas Greene/ Atto for petitioners

Allowed for a service of three years as a pilot in State Navy DC [Gov. David Campbell]  
Allowed March 18, 1840