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Pension Application of John Britain (Britton) R13

VA Sea Service/ Half Pay

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Pension Office/ February 14th 1850.

I hereby certify that I have examined the case of the Administratrix of John Britain deceased, who claims commutation of five years full pay with interest to the present time, under the act of 5th July 1832, for service of the said John Britain as a Sailing Master in the Virginia State Navy during the war of the Revolution; and I am satisfied from the evidence that the said John Britain was a Sailing Master in the Virginia State Navy in the revolutionary war, first on board the Patriot, and afterwards on Board the Liberty, upon which last mentioned vessel he served as Sailing Master until the close of the war. I am therefore of opinion that Susan Dixon, administratrix de bonis non of said John Britain deceased, is entitled under said act of 5th July 1832, to the sum of Fifteen hundred and twenty dollars and Eighty cents, his full pay as Sailing Master as aforesaid, for the term of five years, with interest thereon from the 22^d day of April 1783 to the present time from which sum is to be deducted the amount of any payment or payments heretofore made to the representatives of the said John Britain deceased, under said act of 5th July 1832, and that the amount is payable to Peter P. Mayo Attorney in fact for said Susan Dixon, administratrix as aforesaid. Interest upon interest not to be allowed.

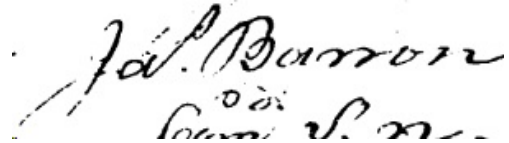
[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) in two files indexed as Britain, John and Britton, John.]

This is to Certifie that the Bearer hereof Mr. Jno. Britain has Served in the Navy of this State upwards of four years and was Appointed Sailing Master on board the State boat Liberty the last year of his time.

Given under my/ hand this 10th July 1783

Jas. Barron/ Com'dr S. N.

[James Barron VAS1949 Commodore State Navy]

Handwritten signature of James Barron in cursive script.

I certify that John Britton served Three years in the Virginia Navy in the Revolutionary War in a vessel commanded by Capt Barron as a sailing master.

Richard Payne [S8929]

[Elizabeth City County, 19 Jan 1832]

Handwritten signature of Richard Payne in cursive script.

NOTE: A letter in the federal pension file dated 7 July 1849 states that Susan Dixon was the daughter and only heir of John Britton, and that Thomas B. Dixon, administrator of Britton's estate, had died.