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Pension Application of Robert Dobson R36

VA Sea Service/ VA Half Pay

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The file contains no pension application.]

Pension Office/ July 6<sup>th</sup> 1837

I certify that from a review of the case of the Heirs at Law of the late Robert Dobson, dec'd. who was a Sailing Master in the Virginia State Navy, during the revolutionary war, and on account of whose services a claim under the act of July 5 1832 was allowed by the Secretary of the Treasury, on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February 1835, discover that an error was committed in not allowing half-pay under said act to commence on the 22<sup>d</sup> April 1783, instead of September 3<sup>d</sup> 1783. It is my opinion therefore that the amount now claimed from the twenty second of April seventeen hundred and eighty three to the third of September seventeen hundred and eight three, is due, and should be paid to Vespasian Ellis, of Virginia, attorney of Samuel B. Servant, of Elizabeth City County, Virginia, administrator of said Dobson dec'd. at the rate of one hundred and fifty two dollars and eight cents per annum.

Approved, July 1837/ acting Secretary of War

Commissioner of Pension

Norfolk May 4, 1850

To/ James L Edwards Esq'r./ Commissioner of Pensions,

Sir,/ Without the knowledge or consent of any of the heirs of Robert Dobson deceased, formerly a sailing master of the Virginia State Navy during the war of the revolution, administration on his estate has been taken out by some one now unknown to them, and under the authority of such administration thus illegally, and wrongfully obtained, the person or persons who qualified on his estate without leave of the heirs have, as is believed, obtained money from the Government for the services of said Robt. Dobson decd. I am one of his heirs at Law, and at the request of my co-heirs I intend qualifying on his estate myself at the next term of the Court which has authority to grant administration. You will therefore please consider this as a notification & a request to you to make no payment to any person of any ½ pay, or commutation arising out of the services of said Dobson as I shall apply myself for the money that is due./ Your obt. serv't.

John Banks

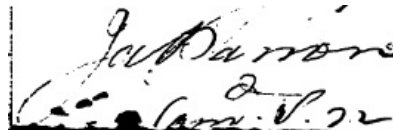
[The following is in the [bounty-warrant files in the Library of Virginia](#):]

These are to Certifie that the Bearer hereof Robert Dobson has Served upwards of four years in the Navy of this and was the Latter part appointed Sailing Master of the Henry Gally [galley *Henry*]

Given under my hand this 20<sup>th</sup> July

Jas Barron/ Com'e. S. N

[James Barron/ Commodore State Navy]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jas Barron", with a date "20 July 1850" written below it. The signature is enclosed in a rectangular border.