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Pay Roll for the State Boat Liberty Lieutenant Michael James Commander

Time of Entry	Mens Names	Stations	Pay per Day [shillings]	Pay per month	Time paid up to	Amount of pay	Months	Days
1784								
August 3	Michael James [R47]	Commander	8/		12 January 1785	£64.16._		162
October 5	John Ewing [R3415]	Pilot	4/		12 D[itt]o	19.16._		99
5	Stephen Dunton	Seaman		£3.0.0	Do	9.14._	3	7
12	John Pickett	Do		2.8._	Do	7.4._	3	
20	William Rogers	Do		2.14._	Do	7.7._	2	23
"	Michael Dixon	Do		1.16.	Do	4.18.3½	2	23
"	Mathew Cook [R2268]	Boy		1.10._	Do	4.2._	2	23
November 1	Benj'n Rudd [Benjamin Rudd W5756]	Seaman		3.0._	Do	7.4._	2	12
13	Edward Bully	Boatswaine		4.0._	Do	7.17.4		
	William Bush	Public negro						
October 12	P Bartlett	Surgeon for Both Boats		5.0.0	Do	15.0.0	3	
						<u>£147.18.7½</u>		

The foregoing is a True copy of }
a paper now on file in this office.}

Given under my hand at the Auditors office
Richmond, this 3rd day of December 1844

James E Heath Auditor

E. E[?] Jas Barron

Elizabeth City County to wit, [20 Feb 1844]

Before me William Hope a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Nancy Payne an aged and respectable Inhabitant of the town of Hampton and county aforesaid, and being duly sworn upon the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God says she was well acquainted with Dr Phillip Bartlett of the Town of Hampton and County aforesaid during the revolutionary war – the said Bartlett was a Surgeon in the State Navy of Virginia and as this deponent well knows, he was the Surgeon of on or more vessels in the said State Navy, and was in actual Service at or about the period when the British Surrendered to the American Army at York in the year 1781 and the said Bartlett continued attached to the navy untill the close of the war. The deponent speaks of this with certain positiveness as she knew him to be the Surgeon of the State Schooner the Patriot at the time of the close of the War, this deponent also knows that after the war, probably for two or three years the said Bartlett continued in the service on board of the boat Liberty which was then commanded by Captain Richard Barron [pension application R5] of the said State Navy, with whose family the deponent was very intimate and was in almost daily habits of intercourse.

Nancy herXmark Payne

Norfolk Borough to wit

Before me W. D. Delany, Mayor of the Borough of Norfolk aforesaid, personally appeared Jonathan Kay esquire well known to me as a respectable citizen of the county of Norfolk and as to whose statements full credit are due and being duly sworn deposed and saith, that he is now in the 78th year of his age, and although too young to have taken any active part in the war of the revolution yet his recollections of the events of that war, are still very vivid in his mind, and he retains a distinct personal knowledge of many of the officers who took part in that contest. this affiant states that his father, John Kay, was an officer in the division of troops attached to the command of General Thomas Mathews stationed in and about the town of Portsmouth and its vicinity known as Fort Nelson, during the war aforesaid then holding the rank of ensign; That he was subsequently transferred to the marine service of the State of Virginia and in the year 1781 he was attached to the armed Galley belonging to the navy of the aforesaid State called the “Henry” commanded by Captain Michael James, among the other officers to the best of his recollection belonging to the vessel at the period referred to, known to this affiant, and whose name has occurred to him is that of her Surgeon Dr Bartlett. how long each of these officers continued in Service, he does not know with entire distinctness, but to the best of his recollection knowledge and belief they severally served until the end of the war

Jonathan Kay

Elizabeth City County, Virginia to wit, [13 June 1844]

Before John Tabb a Justice of the peace in and for the County afores’ d personally appeared Mrs. Catharine Ward of the said County, & made oath that she was well acquainted with William Graves [pension application X306] of the said County who was, to the best of her knowledge and belief, a Lieutenant of the State navy of Virginia, during the war of the revolution. She knew him as being in the s’ d service, some time about the year 1781, from the fact that this affiant was the owner of a faithful slave who was a pilot on board of one of the vessels of the navy of which the said Graves was the Lieutenant, and the said slave Cuffee having died in that year from injuries received in the service. She does not remember the name of the Captain of the said vessel, but she well remembers that the Surgeons name was Dr Phillip Bartlett and both the Doctor & Lt Graves served until the close of the war and she thinks to the best of her recollection that both continued in the service from some time afterwards

Mary C Ward

Norfolk Borough to wit

Before me William Delany esq’r Mayor of Norfolk Borough personally appeared Samuel Reid of the County of Norfolk, and being duly sworn states that he is now in his 80th year, and Served at various periods as a Soldier of the revolution, at an advance period of the Said war, he belonged to a company of [undeciphered word], Commanded by Captain Robert [undeciphered] and Served at the Siege of York, in the year 1781, when Cornwallis surrendered to the American troops, deponent has a distinct

recollection of Dr Bartlett of Elizabeth City County, who was a Surgeon in the State Navy of Virginia, during the War of the revolution and was in Service, when deponant knew him as early as the year 1780 or 1781 when he was a Surgeon in one of the Galleys Commanded by Captain Michael James. Deponant is certain that he served untill the end of the War; and when he was in Service, under the elder Com'r Barron [17 June 1844] Samuel hisXmark Reid

Borough of Norfolk }
State of Virginia } to wit

Personally appeared before me William G Camp Alderman of the borough aforesaid Com'r [Commodore] James Barron [pension application W12264] U S. navy who being first duly sworn says – "I was well acquainted with Dr P Bartlett remember well when he came from New England to Virginia and was a Surgeon in the navy of Virginia about he same time with Dr John Applewhite [sic: John Applewhaite, pension application W12129] to the best of my recollection. He Dr Bartlett served to the end of the war; I remember distinctly his serving in the state navy afore'd. under the command of my Father [Capt., later Commodore, James Barron, Sr. VAS1949] James Barron
Subscribed and Sworn to before me, Alderman as afore'd at the Borough aforesaid this 27th November 1844. Wm. G Camp alderman

I hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Doctor P Bartlett during the Revolutionary war. The said Bartlett came to Hampton Virginia from one of the new england States, and settled himself in the said Town of Hampton as a practising Physician during said war and somewhen about the year 1780 or 1781 was appointed by my father Commodore James Barron Surgeon in the State Navy of Virginia and he served in that capacity in the said State navy untill the end of the War. I was intimately acquainted with the late John Applewhaite and knew that Dr. Bartlett was in Service with him, further know that after the war aforesaid terminated, he Dr. Bartlett was retained in the naval Service of Virginia and was the Surgeon of the Armed Schooner Liberty commanded by Captain Michael James of Virginia, which vessel with the Scooner Patriott [sic: schooner *Patriot*], remained in the marine service of Virginia untill the adoption of the federal Constitution As Witness my hand at Norfolk this 4th day of April 1846

James Barron

[The following is from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

To his Excellency the Governor and Executive Council of Virginia.

The Memorial of James Bartlett Surviving heir of the late Doctor Philip Bartlett, respectfully represents, that the said Dr. P. Bartlett duly entered, and was appointed a Surgeon in the State Navy of Virginia during the War of the Revolution, and served actively in that capacity until the close of the said war. The evidence of his Service as Surgeon aforesaid during the period mentioned, is on file at the proper offices in Richmond & Washington, and will in due time with your Excellency's leave, be furnished

Your Memorialist represents, that Dr. Bartlett had never received the Land Bounty either from the State of Virginia or from the United States for his aforesaid services, to which he was rightfully entitled under various acts of the Commonwealth of Virginia promising Land Bounty to her Officers and Soldiers for Services in the War of the Revolution; and the law being still onstanding and unsatisfied, your Petitioner respectfully prays that the claim may be investigated, and that upon its satisfactorily appearing, that his ancestor Dr. Bartlett served in the capaity stated and until the close of the War, your Excellency will direct a Warrant to issue for his Military Bounty Land as authorised by Law, and your Memorialist will ever pray &c James Bartlett by Frederick Vincent Counsel & Att. in fact

Rejected Aug 19th 1847.

NOTE: In the Library of Virginia is a document dated 6 April 1846 in Princess Ann County VA certifying that Phillip Bartlett “died some time during the year 1800, leaving an only brother Samuel Bartlett, which said Samuel died about the year 1820, leaving two sons James and Thomas his heirs at law, and that the said Thomas died at Sea unmarried leaving his brother James surviving him.”