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Pension Application of Isaac Mercer R76 VA Sea Service/ VA Half Pay  
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Sir, I have the honour to present to you, on behalf of Frederick Vincent Esq. the claim [not found in the file] of the legal representatives of Isaac Mercer for half pay under the act of Congress of the 5<sup>th</sup> July 1832.

Isaac Mercer was the sailing master of the Safeguard galley and continued such until the vessel was laid up, when he became supernumerary or was reduced. This case is exactly like those of Capt George Elliot [R38] and Lieutenant Joseph Speake [R95], the Captain & Lieutenant of the Safeguard The Safeguard was dismantled on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 1779 and the half pay of its officers, who have been paid, made to commence on that day.

Yours very respectfully  
Francis A. Dickins.

James L Edwards Esq/ Com'r. of Pensions.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). This is assumed to be the same Isaac Mercer as in the above.]

I do Certify that Isaac Mercer engaged in the Navey of this State about June or July 1776 as Master and served in that post three years and upwards (in Aug't 1779 to the best of my knowledge he Quited the Navy service by consent of the Navy board.

Given under my hand July 25 1786

Wm. Saunders Capt. [William Saunders R89]

I do certify that Isaac Mercer engaged in the Navy service of this State as Master in June 1776 and served in that post till July 1779 at which time I resigned my Commission and left the said Mercer in Service.

Given this 21 of July 1786

Jno Thrall Lt. N. [John Thrall VAS4014]

I do Certify that the above Isaac Mercer was Master of the State Boat Nicholson in 1778 & part of 1779 and acted as a tender to the navy in carying stores and provisions to the different vessells belonging to the Naval Department – Given under my hand this 19<sup>th</sup> Aug't 1786

Jas. Barron [James Barron VAS1949 or W12264]

entitled to depritiation [sic: depreciation of pay] from Jan'y 1777 to Aug't 1779 if not settled. T. Meriwether

Aug't 31, 86

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Lancaster County towit

We the Subscribers being Justices of the s'd County, do Certify that Wm George, Wm Garner, & Martin Norris, are the heirs & legal representatives by marriage, of Isaac Mercer Dec'd.

Given under our hands this 18 day July 1786

Jas. Ewell/ Mat. Myers