

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Richard Parker R81 VA Sea Service
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Pianc nk [probably Piankatank] Nov 1[?] 1845

D. Sir In answer to yours of the 7th May Last in the case of Leuit. Richard Parker for which I as Representative claim arrearages of half pay under the act of 5th July 1832 as he became supernumerary in May 1780 in consequence of the Gally [galley *Diligence*] having at that time by an order of the Board of Officers was laid up, dismantled and sold, all of which fully appears on the Records in Richmond.

Mr. James Polk adm'r. of Luit Jesse Cannon [R19] informs me that Cannons Claim which is a similar one has been recently allowed.

I wish to know on what evidence his was allowed, as they were both in the same Gally, and their claims should be decided on the same principal.

please inform me if on my producing to the Dept. the above Documentory evidence it would answer the requirements of your letter referred to above.

J S Edwards Esq.

Very Respectfully yours, Sam'l. C. White

Pension Office
May 18, 1846

I certify that I have examined the claim of the administrator of Richard Parker, dec'd. and I find that under the act of July 5, 1832 half-pay has been allowed from the 22^d of April 1783 [formal end of the war]. Half-pay is now claimed from the 19 of May 1781, when he left the service. My opinion is that the claim should be allowed. I therefore certify that half-pay is still due for said Parker's service as a Lieutenant in the Virginia State Navy at the rate of one hundred and eighty two dollars and fifty cents per annum, from the 19th of May 1781 to the 22^d of April 1783, and that the amount is payable to Samuel C. White, of Virginia, attorney of J. J. Ailworth, administrator of Richard Parker, deceased.

Approved/ Secretary of War

Commissioner of Pensions.

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

Auditors Office/ March 2nd 1831.

I certify that it appears from a Register of the officers of the Revolutionary Army in the state line, that Richard Parker, a Lieutenant of the Navy, received on the 28th day of April 1785 by Colo. Cropper [John Cropper W3781], a certificate for the balance of his full pay or depreciation amounting to £269.3.8.

Jas E. Heath

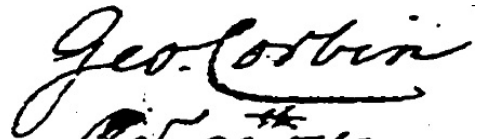
Sir) Capt'n Brittain [possibly Master John Britain (Britton) R13] comes express from Comodore Barron [James Barron VAS1949] for those men who owe service to the state formerly on board the Gallies – You will immediately proceed to collect such men as you know have not served out their time. They must be del[ivere]d to Capt. Brittain in four days, so pray proceed without delay.

I am your Hum'l Serv't

Geo. Corbin

Oc'r 21st 1780

Lieut't Rich'd Parker



I have examined and examined much of the writings of Col George Corbin dec'd formerly of Accomac [sic: Accomack] County he was a lawyer of eminence and much business and commanded the Militia of that County for several years during the revolutionary War, and I have not the least doubt but the letter dated Octo 21 1780 and addressed to Lieutenant Richard Parker was written and signed by him The letter

is shown to me by Col John [blank] a relation to the heirs of Richard Parker who have employed him as I am informed to obtain their Land bounty and at his request I make this statement.

Richmond March 4, 1831

Tho M Bayly

State of Virginia } S.S.

City of Richmond }

The deposition of Scarborough Bloxam [sic: Scarbrough Bloxsom W5842] aged about Seventy Seven years who deposeth and saith that he entered on Board the Gally Accomack as a Midshipman before the gally was Launched and continued in that office untill orders were reciev'd to dismantle and Lay up the Accomack & Deligence that he was well acquainted with Richard Parker who was first Lieutenant of the Deligence and went in to service amongst the first who entered & that he continued in service untill the Deligence was dismantled & laid up that the said Richard Parker was an inhabitant of the County of Accomack and that he knew him long after the war & further this deponant saith not

Sworn to & Subscribed before me the 8th of March 1831

J M Keldae JP

Scarborough Bloxam