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Pension Application of Thomas Hall S16862

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State of Virginia

County of Mathews

on this 14th day of July 1834 Personally appeared in open court before the Justice of the County of Mathews now sitting Thomas Hall a resident of the County of Mathews and State of Virginia aged seventy years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832. that he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated
I entered the service in 1779 [sic] by order of Sir John Payton [sic: John Peyton] Coln. to Richard Billups Capt. to enroll me when [Gen. Benedict] Arnold went up James River [Jan 1781] they wanted some men to got to Williamsburg to guard the capital I being a young man just old enough to go on the list they took me with them we started and marched to Gloscester Cout House [sic: Gloucester Courthouse] and there we were stationed for some time and then we marched back again and was discharged of that tower of duty I served three months on that tower of duty in 1780 I was called out under the same Capt. & Coln. to go to point Comfort to do duty where there was a steady guard kept on the account of the British having possession of Point Comfort Beach to prevent them from comming up in the neighbourhood to plunder It. on that tower of duty I served three months in the latter part of the same year I was called out in like order under the same officers on the account of some barges comeing up east river, to try to land on the shore there we had a little firing upon them we were stationed at the mouth of the river for some time and then marched to point comfort where the guard was only kept on that tower of duty I served six weeks whilst stationed at point comfort we had to fire on the enemy many times on the account of they attempting to come up in the neighbourhood to plunder we never had any engagements with them that was worth speaking about in 1781 I was called out when all the Glouster malitia was called out to go down to gloucester Town where Con Wallis [sic: Cornwallis] had blockaded york river up with his fleet and marched to Glocester court House where we were stationed there for a little while and then marched to hubards Old field [sic: Hubbard's Old Field near dividing line of Gloucester and King and Queen counties] there we stopt a little while and then marched down to ware Church there I was taken sick and had to come home I did not get down to Gloster town when they had the engagement on that tower of duty I served two months and a half I served all the time as a private and for such service I clame a pention I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pention or anuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state I was born in 1764 in Glocester County Kingston parish I have no record of my age I was living in Glocester County Kingston parish when called into service I have lived there ever since I was called in to service as a malitia man I never received no writen discharge I was acquainted with Coln. Boswell Coln. Cary Coln. Payton I can prove my services by Richard Hurst [pension application S9593] who served in the same company as I did and Mathias Gayle [S16818] who served with me in a nother company. they can testify to my character sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid [signed] Thomas Hall