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Virginia documents pertaining to John Allen VA12

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To the Honble the Speaker & Gentlemen of the house of Delegates. The petition of John Allen humbly sheweth that your Petitioner was appointed a captain of the State artillery and commissioned by Governour Jefferson on the 16th day of April in the year 1780. that some time after he was appointed Superintendant at Hoods fort [on James River just downriver from Flowerdew Hundred Plantation, E of mouth of Flowerdew Hundred Creek, Prince George County; later Fort Powhatan] where he remained in the execution of his duty untill the destruction of that Fort or untill he was ordered away, that upon settling his accounts with the Auditors he has received warrants to the amount of one hundred and twenty nine pounds, directed to be paid out of no particular fund, by which means the Treasurer is not justified in paying your petitioner either the principal or interest of the said Warrants, whereby he is deprived of the benefits, provided by your honbl'e house, for the services of the officers of the State line, and in as much as your Petitioner is remediless but thro' the interposition of your honb'l. body, he begs leave to submit to your consideration whether it is not just that the Auditors of publick accounts should be directed to reaudit his accts and grant him such warrants as are granted to other officers of the State line and your petitioner as in duty bound will pray

June 10th 1784 Ref'd to prop[osition]s/ reasonable

[The federal file jacket is labeled "N. A. Acc. No. 050001." The designation "VA12" is unique to this transcription.]

[A note in the file of John Allen R12048 states that the papers of three different soldiers named John Allen have been intermingled. I have not attempted to sort them out. The reader should consult the following other pension applications: John Allen R12048 and John Allen X878.]

First Auditor's Office Va. June 23, 1847

It appears by the original return of Col [Thomas] Marshall's Regiment of artillery made to the Board of Officers which assembled in Richmond in February & April 1782 that Captain John Allen's Commission bore date the 16th April 1780 James E Heath 1st Aud'r.
[On the same sheet as this copied record is a copy of a document dated 20 May 1847 in Camden County NJ stating that Capt. John Allen, formerly of Gloucester County, now Camden, died intestate, and that Joseph B. Allen was administrator of the estate. Joseph B. Allen assigned power of attorney to pursue claims "for land and money that may be due from the State of Virginia and United States on account of the half pay for life under the Act of Congress entitled An Act to provide for liquidating & paying certain claims of the State of Virginia approved July 5, 1832 due & owing to the said John Allen for his services in the Virginia State Regiment of Artillery during the War of the Revolution, and which said half pay should be computed from the 6th day of February Anno Domini seventeen hundred eighty two to the period of his death, sometime in the year eighteen hundred and three...."]

NOTE: The federal file includes a copy of the last will and testament of a John Allen signed in Henrico County Virginia on 21 Mar 1785 leaving equal parts of his estate to Allen Hunt, son of Nathaniel Hunt of Halifax County; Achilles Allen, son of Charles Allen of Mecklenburg County; Lewis Buckner Allen, son of David Allen of Henrico County; and Susannah Watlington, daughter of John Watlington of

Pittsylvania County. It names Nathaniel Hunt, David Allen of Halifax County, and Julius Allen of Henrico County as executors. The will was witnessed by Richard Allen and others and was probated 4 Dec 1797. A note at the bottom states that there was no pension claim by this John Allen.