Virginia Rejected Claim of William George VAS1543
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

[From rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.]

The undersigned humbly represent that they are the heirs of William George dec’d. late a seaman in the State Navy during the Revolutionary War, & believe that they are entitled to bounty land for the service of the sd William, which they have often heard him the said William say, he had never received & to which he was entitled from the State of Virginia. Not knowing where to obtain evidence of his services they had to turn their attention to the records of the navy, where they understand his, the said William’s name is found & reported entitled to bounty for three years services. (See the report of J. H. Smith Esqr. No. 5. page 13.) They therefore fondly anticipate the Executive of Virginia will immediately allow them an order to draw a warrant for said bounty land, & they as in duty bound will ever pray &c.
Lancaster County } Thos. D. George & Lucy T. Simmonds
5th April 1834 } in behalf of themselves & others

Petition for bounty land.
H’rs of Wm George – Seaman S. navy.
   I have, in the printed list of Seaman &c of the state navy – No 5. reported Wm. George entitled to land, for a service of three years as Seaman. I have not been able, on a reexamination of this case to retrace the steps by which I arrived at this favourable result, in regard to this claim.
   The Petitioners have filed no evidence. I would respectfully suggest, that it would be well to let the [illegible word] lye, for the present.
Respectfully submitted
To his Excellency } John H Smith Comm’r &c
Gov’r Tazewell } May 20th 1834