I do Certify that John Hughlett served three years in the Navy of this State as a
Midshipman & was discharged in September 1779, it being the full time of his enlistment.

Given under my hand this first November 1787.

S/ Wm Saunders, Captain [William Saunders]

Entitled to depreciation from first January 77 to first September 79 if not settled

T Meriwether

Gentlemen

Please to Settle & pay Jos. Saunders what may be found due for John Hughlett's services
as a Midshipmen in the Navy of this State & Oblige.


S/ Garret Hughlett

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1 SAUNDERS, WILLIAM VA Captain, Virginia Navy: William Saunders was commissioned as a [First]
        Lieutenant in the Virginia Navy and assigned to a galley on the Rappahannock River (the Lewis), to be commanded
        by Captain CELERY SAUNDERS. [NOAR, 272] Virginia Navy Schooner Adventure was commissioned on 8 June
        1776, when William Saunders was appointed as her master. [NDAR, V, 431] Saunders had previously served as
        First Lieutenant on a galley, from 1 April 1776. [NDAR, IV, 621] On 17 June RICHARD LIGHTBOURNE was
        appointed as Mate on the Adventure. [NDAR, V, 593-594 and 594 note] Both Saunders and Lightbourne were
        issued commissions on 20 July 1776, as Captain and Lieutenant, respectively, by the Virginia Council of Safety.
        [NDAR, V, 1164] On 27 July Saunders drew £77.3.0 for his schooner's payroll from date of enlistment to 25 July.
        [NDAR, V, 1249] Adventure was at Hobb's Hole on 19 August 1776, when Saunders was ordered to cruise about the
        Virginia Capes to annoy the enemy, and then return to York to refit when the schooner was foul. The Virginia Navy
        Board also wished to inspect the schooner. [NDAR, VI, 239] Adventure was apparently fitting out at York by 20
        September 1776, when Saunders drew a speaking trumpet, hour glass, and bunting from the storekeeper. [NDAR,
        VI, 919-920] He drew cordage and slops on 12 October 1776. [NDAR, VI, 1242, 1242-1243] The Council of Safety
        now had more interesting employment for the Adventure. On 29 November 1776, the Council ordered the Virginia
        Navy Board to send the schooner to either St. Eustatia or Martinique, consigned to the agents (Van Bibber; Harrison) there. [NDAR, VII, 328] A cargo of flour was procured and a cover letter written on 30 November.
        [NDAR, VII, 338] Nothing is known of this voyage, whether it took place or not, or what happened to
        the Adventure. Saunders was in Virginia on 18 April 1777, when he was ordered to take command of the
galley Manley. [NDAR, VII, 369. Misidentified in NOAR, 272, as the Hanley.]

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We do certify that the above order was signed and delivered in our presence and that the above said Garret Hughlett is heir at law to the above said John Hughlett Deceased. Given under our hands this 15th November 1787

S/ John Gordon
S/ Thomas Downing

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