I have very successfully made a list of officers known of the Hero Galley, after a most scrutinizing examination of the Journals of the Navy-Board, and other public documents. From this list, it appears – that John Kautzman – John Wilson and Francis Powell were the only Warrant officers of the Hero Galley, of whom we have any knowledge.

John Kautzman received bounty land as Lieutenant in the Navy, in May 1784. John Wilson & Francis Powell were the only warrant officers of the Hero Galley.

S/ John H Smith, Commissioner
August 11th, 1834

[Nansemond County Virginia]
I certify that I knew Francis Powell of this County before & after the Revolutionary War, and that the said Powell was a midshipmen during the Revolutionary War in the State Navy – I cannot certify as to the number of years he served in the Revolutionary War, but distinctly recollect that he held the appointment of Midshipmen in the State Navy. – The said Powell lived in this County before & after the revolution, and I was well acquainted with him.

Sworn to & subscribed this 12th day of May 1834.
S/ Henry Harrison

The heirs of Francis Powell, Midshipman, pray an allowance of Bounty Land from the State of Virginia for his Revolutionary Services. – They file the additional deposition of Henry Harrison, the presiding Justice of Nansemond County, in support of their claim. – Francis Powell, Midshipman, is reported by the Agent as being "entitled to land for a service of 3 years" in "a list of Officers of the State Navy, No. 5."

S/ Richard D Webb
for the heirs
May 16th, 1834

Petition for bounty land
The Heirs of Francis Powell – Midshipman
Francis Powell's name is only Rolls of Midshipman in the Navy. The Navy Journals & papers do not furnish conclusive proof of his service for 3 years = nor all it to be expected they would, at this day, after the loss or destruction of many of the books, & papers, and pay rolls of the Navy. He does not appear to have left the service. Few of the commissioned officers of the Navy
resign, without very good cause – very few of the noncommissioned, or warrant officers, voluntarily left the Navy. As agreeable to officers & men was that service, that the officers remained in it, as long as they could, and the men never deserted. The Navy Journals & papers contain (so far as I have seen accounts of) only 4 desertions of seamen. Therefore, presumption of the service of a midshipmen for the term of three years (which was the term of enlistment in the Navy) is not unreasonable. Francis Powell has been reported entitled to land for three years service, in printed list No. 5

respectfully submitted

To his Excellency Governor Floyd

John H Smith, Commissioner