We the undersigned certify that we were well acquainted with Bartholomew Mears and that he was a meritorious Seaman in the Service of Virginia during the revolutionary war with Great Britain, that he enlisted the 6th of October 17??[last 2 digits too faint to discern] and continued three years in the service and was on board the Galley Accomack the last man that the said Mears entered the service while William Underhill commanded the said Galley as a common Seaman, afterwards he was appointed Quarter Master and afterwards was Gunner under Captain J. Harris [John Harris] who is now dead as all the officers who were commissioned and on board the said Galley.

S/ Johannes Watson
S/ Skinner Wallop

Accomack County Sct.

On the application of Bartholomew Mears I do hereby certify that I well remember the aforesaid pathology new Mears served on board the Accomack Galley in the American revolutionary War for a considerable time perhaps at least three years but in what particular capacity I do not now recollect. That from some, or from cause the Men enlisted on board the Galley & the Diligence each built & generally stationed in this War almost all left their respective Galleys but Bartholomew Mears [indecipherable word] I hereby affirm that he remained at his station as long as any if not till every last man on board the said Galley Accomack. The duty of provisioning & paying the cruise of the Galleys being placed on me by

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1 See Ken Kellow's site at http://www.awiatsea.com/sn/VA/Accomac%20Virginia%20Navy%20Galley%20%5BUnderhill%20Andrews%20Harris%5D.html

2 The Diligence as a sister Galley of the Accomack. Diligence. Ken Kellow notes regarding the Diligence:
Authority, for the last years of their service enables me to know the foregoing & I also certify that Johannes Watson who has with him subscribed his name about & before the same period commanded the Galley *Diligence* under in original appointment from the Executive – Given under my hand this 5th July 1815

S/ John Teackle, Jr.