Mr. Crane, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made the following
Report:

The representatives of Thornton Taylor, late of Culpeper County, Virginia, claim the
commutation of five years full pay of age to be due to him from the United States. The evidence
by which the committee think this claim is sustained is, first, the depositions of Ambrose Walden
and Thomas Minor, which show that Thornton Taylor, in 1776, serve six months as a volunteer in
the minute service; that in 1777 he was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the Continental
establishment, marched to the South, was appointed aid to General Woodford, and captured at
Charleston in 1780. They further state their belief that he continued in service until the end of
the war. The certificates of J. L. Edwards show that the name of Thornton Taylor appears on a
roll of officers of the Virginia line in his office, as an Ensign and deputy commissary, and also
from a list of officers of the Virginia line, on Continental establishment, who have received
certificates for the balance of their full pay, agreeably to an act of Assembly passed the
November session 1781; that Thornton Taylor, D. T. C. of military stores received on the 20th of
June 1781, £397.10; and that it further appears that from the said list that Thornton Taylor, and
Ensign, received, through the hands of his agent, Colonel Taylor, on the 18th of June, 1783,
£171.12.7. The books in the War Office show that Thornton Taylor, described in the account as
conductor of military stores, received pay in 1781 and 1782. It does not appear from this
evidence, to what Regiment in the Virginia line Thornton Taylor belonged, and he is stated by
Walden and Minor as a Lieutenant, and, on the list of the Pension Office, as an Ensign. It
appears that Thornton Taylor never received the commutation, and the committee believe the
evidence referred to, show that his representatives are entitled to it. The certificate from
Culpeper County court, Virginia, show that Elizabeth Taylor is the widow and relic, and that
Woodford Taylor and Thornton Taylor are the only sons and heirs at law of Thornton Taylor,
deceased. A bill is therefore reported for their relief.

State of Virginia County of Culpeper
We, Elizabeth Taylor, Woodford Taylor and Thornton Taylor, heirs at law of Thornton Taylor,
deceased, do upon oath testify and declare to the best of our knowledge and belief that Thornton
Taylor did enter into the Army of the Revolution and acted as aid to General Woodford and
finally became a supernumerary Officer in the Virginia line, and that he continued in this service
aforesaid until the end of the War; – we further declare, that we have never received a warrant for the bounty land promised to said Thornton Taylor on the part of the United States, nor do we believe that he ever received or transferred his claim to it in any manner whatsoever. Therefore, know all men by these presents that we Elizabeth Taylor, Woodford Taylor and Thornton Taylor do hereby constitute and appoint Charles Allen to be our true and lawful attorney, with a power of Substitution to demand and receive from the Secretary of War of the United States a warrant for the quantity of land due to us as aforesaid. As witness our hands and seals this the 11th September 1830.

Fauquier County, to wit

This is to Certify that I was well acquainted with Thornton Taylor late of Culpeper County that he entered the Army of the American Revolution in the year 1776 as a volunteer in the minute Service and served a Tour of six months at Hampton & Portsmouth – immediately after our return home Early in the year 1777 he was Commissioned a Lieutenant in the Continental Establishment and marched to the South under General William Woodford and I was informed that he was aid to the General at the capture of Charlestown that he wore the Uniform of a General's Aid to the close of the war in 1783. The circumstances of our being raised near neighbors to each other & brother Officers in the Revolutionary war impressed upon my mind the foregoing facts given under my hand this 29th day of May 1830

S/ Ambrose Walden
Lieutenant [illegible]

Spotsylvania County To wit

I do hereby Certify that I was well acquainted with Thornton Taylor late of the County of Culpeper. That he entered the Army of the Revolution at an early period (I think) in 1776. That he was a Lieutenant, marched to the South, was taken a prisoner at Charleston-Town, and at the time of his capture, I understood, and always believed, he was acting as an aid to General William Woodford. That he wore his Regimentals as a General's aid to the close of the War (1783) and at that time considered a supernumerary Officer – Given under my hand this third June 1830

S/ Tho. Minor

1 Ambrose Walden S38453
Formerly Captain 2nd Virginia S. Regt.

Thomas Minor W5374