Pension application of Thomas Humphlet [Humphlett] 1 R45 f18VA
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[p 3: Power of attorney dated November 20, 1849 executed in Norfolk County Virginia by Charles L Cocke as administrator of the estate of Thomas Humphlet, deceased, a Lieutenant in the State Navy of Virginia during the War of the Revolution.]

Pension Office
May 3, 1848

I certify that I have examined the claim of the administrator of Thomas Humphlet, deceased, under the act of July 5, 1832, and I find that Humphlet served as a Lieutenant in the Virginia State Navy to the end of the revolutionary war. The case is therefore embraced by the provisions of the above mentioned law; and I am of opinion that the claim should be allowed at the rate of $182.50 per annum from the 22nd of April 1783, until the 15th of February 1794, when he died, and that the amount is payable to Francis A. Dickins, attorney of William Ivy, of Elizabeth City County, administrator of said Humphlet

Commissioner of Pensions

[Note: Those interested in this veteran may find the other documents in this file of interest, but they contain no description of the veteran's service. Those documents relate to conflicting claims between Charles L. Cocke and William Ivy as administrators of the veteran's estate, Ivy's claim being based on the devise to him made by one Rebecca Cooper, dec'd [her relationship to the veteran is not stated.]

[From bounty land records in the Library of Virginia]

The Affidavit of James Burke of lawful age being first sworn deposes and saith that he was well acquainted with Thomas Humphlet and that he served with him in the State Navy in the Revolutionary War on board the Boat Patriot three years, and that he believes he left the said Humphlet in the service in the boat when he (the said Burke) was discharged.

S/ James Burk

1 VA. Half Pay  See N. A. Acc. No. 837 Virginia State Navy Thomas Humphlett Y S File Va. Half Pay
Elizabeth City County to wit
The above Affidavit was taken and sworn to before me this 25th day of July 1831
S/ C. Hubbard, JP

I Elizabeth Jones do hereby certify on oath that I was well acquainted with Thomas Humphlett who served during the Revolutionary War in the State Navy that I frequently saw him while he was in service, and mode that he was an officer but of what grade I cannot speak positively.
Given under my hand this 12th day of December 1831
S/ Elizabeth Jones

[Attested in Elizabeth City County]

To the Governor of Virginia

The petition of the Heirs of Thomas Humphlett respectfully states – That he was a Lieutenant in the Virginia Navy during the revolution more than three years, but never received the Land Bounty to which he was entitled.

The affidavit of James Burke (himself an officer in the Navy) states that he served with Thomas Humphlett three years in the Navy and states that he left the said H. in service when the affiant left it. This evidence is very positive & definite – and is from a most respectable witness as he is no doubt known to your Excellency.

His statement is strengthened by the testimony of two ladies who recollect Humphlett well – Mrs. Jones says she was well acquainted with him – saw him frequently in service during the war & knows that he was an officer but she cannot say of what grade.

Mrs. Payne in her affidavit corroborates the evidence of the other witnesses –
Your Petitioners hope the evidence now furnished will be satisfactory – but if it be not –
they will endeavor to procure the testimony of Commodore Barron\(^2\) who has declared (as your Petitioners have been informed) that he knew him well & that his heirs are entitled to the bounty they now solicit – Hoping however that the evidence now submitted will be sufficient, they will wait no longer for the additional testimony.

S/ Thomas Green
Attorney for the Petitioners

I Ann Payne of the County of Elizabeth City & State of Virginia do hereby certify that Thomas Humphlett was a Lieutenant in the Virginia State Navy, he entered the service sometime in the year 1777 and remained in the service until 1783 and William Casey a sailor who was in the state Navy who entered the service in the year 1777 and served until 1783. I was well acquainted with said Thomas Humphlett and William Casey from the time they entered the said service in the War of the Revolution until their discharge. Given under my hand & seal this 3\(^{rd}\) April 1831.

S/ Ann Payne, X her Mark

\(^2\) Probably a reference to either BARRON, JAMES VA Commodore, Virginia Navy: James Barron was born in 1740, [NOAR, 16] in Elizabeth City County, Virginia. He served in the transatlantic merchant service before the war, sailing the ship Elizabeth from Virginia to London and back. [NDAR, I, 1387-1394] He was commissioned as a Captain of Virginia Militia [NOAR, 17] and, according to his son, entered Virginia naval service on 25 December 1775. [Stewart, 146] On 4 March 1776 he was serving aboard the Virginia Navy [Sloop] Liberty. Together with Captain Richard Barron of the Virginia Navy [Sloop] Patriot he recaptured the British Transport Ship Oxford. On 11 September 1776 he and Richard Barron were ordered to protect transport vessels taking troops down Chesapeake Bay to the Virginia Capes. [NOAR, 17] Barron later served as Commodore of the Virginia Navy, commissioned July 1780, [Stewart, 146] to 7 April 1783. He died on 14 May 1787, still acting as Commodore. [Stewart, 146]

OR

BARRON, RICHARD VA Captain, Virginia Navy: Richard Barron was a resident of Elizabeth City County, Virginia, and brother of JAMES BARRON. [Stewart, 148] He was a Captain of Virginia Militia, and was assigned to the Virginia Navy [Sloop] Patriot on 4 March 1776. With James Barron of the Virginia Navy [Sloop] Liberty he recaptured the British Transport Ship Oxford. On 11 September 1776 he and James Barron were ordered to protect transport vessels taking troops down Chesapeake Bay to the Virginia Capes. [NOAR, 17] Barron later served as Commodore of the Virginia Navy, commissioned July 1780, [Stewart, 146] to 7 April 1783. He died on 14 May 1787, still acting as Commodore. [Stewart, 148]

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