Pension Office Washington March 13, 1851

I hereby certify that I have examined the claim of the administrator of Joseph Marshall who was a Sailing Master in the Virginia State Navy under the act of July 5th 1832, & find that the said Joseph Marshall was a Sailing Master of the Schooner Scorpion, until the last of the year 1781 about which time said Vessel was captured by the Enemy at sea & carried to Bermuda where said Marshall was confined as a prisoner of War until after the ratification of the treaty of peace in April 1783 & was therefore entitled to half pay at the rate of $152.08 per annum from 22nd of April 1783 to 1 July 1812 about which time he died & that the same is payable to James G Berrit Attorney in fact for Robert H Vaughan the administrator of said Joseph Marshall deceased

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City of Norfolk to wit

Before me A. C. Whitehead a Justice of the Peace in and for the City aforesaid personally appeared Colonel Stephen Wright an aged and respectable Citizen of said City and being duly sworn deposes and saith that he performed military service at various periods during the War of the Revolution in the towns of Norfolk and Portsmouth and was regularly [indecipherable word] in a company of militia commanded by Captain Charles Brown [last name unclear]. The post of Ensign becoming vacant, deponent was duly appointed to fill the vacancy and in the fall of 1781 was dispatched to York Town with a detachment of men which he commanded in his capacity of Ensign, and crossed over in one of the small cruisers commanded by Captain John Archer of the Virginia Navy, and reached York just as the British under Lord Cornwallis surrendered [October 19, 1781] to the American Troops, deponent with his command afterwards returned to Portsmouth, and continued in service, until the troops raised for the defense of the Commonwealth were generally discharged. – [One or more indecipherable words], deponent


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was invited by his near relative and Guardian Captain W. Westcott [Wright Westcott] one of the esteemed [?] officers of the Virginia State Navy to join his vessel, one of the small cruisers retained in that branch of the Public Service, then about to sail for the West In these, which invitation deponent excepted, and volunteered as a sort of aid to Captain Westcott. They sailed from Hampton Rhodes direct for the Island of Martinique and in the prosecution of the cruise they fell in with the British frigate Cerberus commanded by Sir Jacob Wheat [Jacob Wheate] and after being chased from sunrise to sunset were captured and taken to Bermuda, where the officers and men were thrown into the bulks (prison ships) and confined as prisoners of war until the close of said war. The officers taken prisoner and there confined were the Commander Captain Westcott, Lieutenant John Crew, Sailing Master Joseph Marshall and deponent, all of whom were esteemed as prisoners of War, and not discharged until after peace in April 1783. The said Marshall died early in the last war with Great Britain, and the said Crew somewhere about or during the year 1810. And further deponent saith not.

S/ Stephen Wright

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 21st day of April 1785, in the name of Joseph Marshall, as Master for £196.12.11, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Colonel Cropper and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 26 day of February 1834.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

Deposition of Elkanah Andrews aged 71 or thereabout who depoeth and saith that he was well acquainted with Joseph Marshall and that the said Marshall served on board the Galley Accomack Commanded by Underhill in the Revolutionary War and said Marshall served until the Galley was laid up. Given under my hand and seal this January 15th 1834

S/ Elkanah Andrews

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