Pension Application of Richard Parker R81
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D. Sir In answer to yours of the 7th May Last in the case of Leuit. Richard Parker for which I as Representative claim arrearages of half pay under the act of 5th July 1832 as he became supernumerary in May 1780 in consequence of the Gally [galley Diligence] having at that time by an order of the Board of Officers was laid up, dismantled and sold, all of which fully appears on the Records in Richmond.

Mr. James Polk adm’r. of Luit Jesse Cannon [pension application R19] informs me that Cannons Claim which is a similar one has been recently allowed.

I wish to know on what evidence his was allowed, as they were both in the same Gally, and their claims should be decided on the same principal.

please inform me if on my producing to the Dept. the above Documentory evidence it would answer the requirements of your letter referred to above.

J S Edwards Esq. Very Respectfully yours, Sam’l. C. White

Pension Office
May 18, 1846

I certify that I have examined the claim of the administrator of Richard Parker, dec’d. and I find that under the act of July 5, 1832 half-pay has been allowed from the 22d of April 1783 [formal end of the war]. Half-pay is now claimed from the 19 of May 1781, when he left the service. My opinion is that the claim should be allowed. I therefore certify that half-pay is still due for said Parker’s service as a Lieutenant in the Virginia State Navy at the rate of one hundred and eighty two dollars and fifty cents per annum, from the 19th of May 1781 to the 22d of April 1783, and that the amount is payable to Samuel C. White, of Virginia, attorney of J. J. Ailworth, administrator of Richard Parker, deceased.

Approved/ Secretary of War Commissioner of Pensions.