Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Thomas Grant VAS3747

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[The following are from <u>bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia</u>. One document in the file is illegible.]

To the Commissioner of Revolutionary [undeciphered word]

The heirs of Thomas Grant respectfully ask the allowance [undeciphered words] him by the [undeciphered] Their ancestor was a Midshipman in the war of the Revolution for 3 years [mostly illegible sentence] for the heirs/ undeciphered signature]

Petition for bounty land.

Thomas Grant – Midshipman S. Navy.

Thomas Grant was Midshipman on board the ship Tartar – Sept 5th 1777 (see [undeciphered word] in the book of [two undeciphered words] of Navy Journal in 1st Auditors office.)

He was on board the Tartar Jany 6 1779 – (see Journals of the Navy Board page 527.) – also in Feby 1779 – (see Journal N. B. page 543.)

In the 1st vol. of Papers concerning the State Navy, there is an account of Wm. [undeciphered] for provisions received by Thomas Grant Steward for the Ship Tartar – extending from June 16th 1777 to April 7 1778 – showing that he was in service during that time.

Very few pages have been preserved, of this vessel. It is probable, Thomas Grant was in service, in her, as long as she was in the Navy service which was more than three years.

Govern'd by the foregoing evidence, and by the principles which have governd me heretofore in reporting upon the claims of warrant officers & seamen of the state navy, (which principles have been, in other cases, made known to your Excellency) I have in the Printed list of Officers, &c of the Navy – No. 5 reported this claim good, for a service of three years in the sate navy as Midshipman.

I am still of the opinion that the claim ought to be allow'd. To his Excellency

Gov'r. Tazewell

Resp'ly submitted John H Smith Com'r &c May 20th 1834