

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Documents relating to Thomas Allen VAS1953

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[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] King William County legislative petitions

[Note: the following documents are indexed under the name of James Quarles but they relate to the service of the veteran named Thomas Allen.]

King Wm May 18th 1782

Dr. Colo. [Colonel William Davis at Richmond Town]

Corporal Lawrence brought to me Thos Allen this morning by Instructions received from Capt. Kirkpatrick supposing him to be a Deserter from the Continental Army. I am loft [loath] to intermediate in a case of this kind but finding he has a proper Discharge & other papers that puts the case in a fare [fair] light I have taken the liberty of recommending the corporal to you with a Copy of his Discharges &c for your Determination at the same time have undertaken for the Corporal in case the papers he has do not clear him I will undertake to Deliver Mr. Allen whenever called upon as I know you will & having Discharge[d] his Duty as Soldier to the [indecipherable word]¹ with Credit I have taken the liberty to refer the Case to you for your Determination & am

Sir with great respect
Your Obedient Humble Servant
S/ James Quarles²



May 18, 1782

From Major James Quarles respecting Thomas Allen & in closing his papers

I do hereby certify that Thomas Allen from King William [County] is entitled to his discharge the last day of the present Year May 5th, 1781.

A Copy Test

S/ William Davis Colo.

James Quarles

¹ *Not used*

² [James Quarles R17254](#)

Thomas Allen a Soldier in the Virginia line having served the Term he engaged for is hereby
Discharged from the service

Witness

Herbert Claiborn

A Copy, Test

James Quarles

Thos. Payne Capt. [Thomas Payne]

5th Virgs. Regt.

Novr. 14th 1781