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Virginia documents pertaining to James Collins and Stephen Collins VAS3080  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#).]

I John F Riley a Justice of the peace in & for Accomack County certify that William Thornton Sen'r aged above seventy five years, & who is a man of truth & veracity & of sound mind & memory came before me & made oath that he lived near where the galleys Accomack & Diligence were launched & manned & that James Collins & Stephen Collins both enlisted on board the galley "Accomack" when she was manned, & remained in service till they were discharged & that he the Witness always understood that the crews of the s'd galleys were enlisted for 3 years & he says the galleys were in service between three & four years. Witness my hand & seal this 23<sup>d</sup> August 1832 Jno F Riley JP

Elkany Andrews [Elkanah Andrews S6507] who is a man of truth & veracity & of sound mind & memory came before me and made oath that he served on board the Galley "Accomack" whilst she was in service in the Revolutionary War & that Stephen Collins and James Collins enlisted on board the "Accomack" when she first went in to service & served till said galley was laid up & that he the Witness thinks said galley was manned early in 1777 & laid up in the winter of 1780-81. Witness my hand & seal this 13 Sep'r 1832 at Accomack County. Jno F Rile J.P.

The Executive will be good enough to refer to the claim of William Miles [VAS666] (Seaman) for a synopsis of the act of Assembly in regard to the galleys Accomack & Diligence built on the E. Shore [Eastern Shore] by which it would appear that these galleys were manned 1<sup>st</sup> March 1777 & laid up the first of the year 1781 – having been in service nearly 4 years. For corroborating testimony of witnesses please examine the testimony in the papers of Robert White a Midshipman.

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 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 1783, in the name of Stephen Collins as a Seaman for £39.9.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Colo. Cropper

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November 1832.  
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