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Pension Application of Thomas Chandler R24 VA Sea Service/ Half Pay
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Auditors Office [Richmond VA] May 27, 1846

Sir Yours of the 14 & 15 inst, were duly received and would have been sooner answered but for a great press of business.

The name of Robert Young cannot be found on any of the army rolls.

The name of Lieut. Thomas Chandler is found in the arrangement of the Navy which was made in 1781. We have no evidence that I can find how long he continued in service afterwards. The arrangement appears to have been before the council in May 1781 & there is opposite to his name the remark or note "since dead" – When the note was made or by whom does not appear.

Very respectfully yours/ Jas. E. Heath

Pension Office

June 10, 1846.

I certify that I have examined the claim of the administrator of Thomas Chandler, deceased, and I find that under the act of July 5, 1832 half-pay was allowed for his service as a Lieutenant in the State Navy of Virginia from the 3^d. of September 1783. Half pay is now claimed from the first of January 1782, and I am of the opinion that the claim should be allowed. I therefore certify that half-pay is still due for said Chandler's service at the rate of one hundred and eighty two dollars and fifty cents per annum from the first of January 1782, to September 3^d. 1783, and that the amount is payable to the Honorable Thomas H. Bayly, of Virginia, attorney of John B. Ailworth, administrator of said Chandler.

Approved/ Secretary of War

commissioner of Pensions

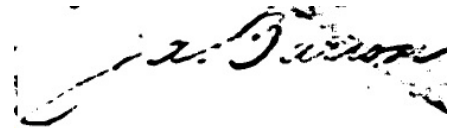
[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). in two files]

These are to Certify that Lieutenant Thomas Chandler entered in the Navy of this state some time in May 1776 and that on or about July 1778 was appointed Lieutenant and faithfully served until July 25th 1781 when he died a prisoner at Norfolk being some time before taken in the State Boat Patriot.

Given under my hand this 4 day of November 1784.

pass[?] Ja. Barron [James Barron VAS1949]

November 16th '84/ T. Meriwether Aud'r[?]



Council Chamber Feby 25th 1785

I do certify that the Representative of Thomas Chandler is entitled to the proportion of Land allowed a Lieutenant of the State Navy for three years service.

P. Henry [Patrick Henry] Thomas Meriwether

Two warrants for 2666²/₃ acres issued to Mitchell Chandler as Heir to the above.

Richmond Apl 2nd 1831

To his Excellency John Floyd

Dear Sir By the enclosed papers you will see that the devisees of Lieutenant Thomas Chandler of the navy of Virginia in the revolution and entitled to the warrant for his military bounty land did not receive it. The only heir of Catharine Chandler the devisee is now the wife of John B. Burtin and they are in needing circumstances. And as she is entitled to the land [undeciphered word] & due for the services of her Uncle who devised it to her mother who has never received any part of the land bounty but has lost the 2666²/₃ acres, which was issued to her uncle Mitchell Chandler the oldest Brother who

was not entitled to it. I submit it to your Excellency whether it would not be equitable and just that this case should form an exception to the general rule not to issue an order for additional land bounty until those who have never received any should be first benifitted”

For the evidence of the service of Lieutenat Chandler I refer to the [undeciphered word] certificate that his pay has been settled and the certificate of the Register of the land office that a warrant for 2666²/₃ acres only to Mitchel Chandler for the service of Lieutenat Thos Chandler has been issued and the report of the bord of Officers of 1782 & 1784 that he served to the end of the war and was entitled to half pay. I also enclose to your Excellency the evidence of the services of Covington Broadwater [VAS668] a midshipman in the navy of Virginia in the revolution. viz The depositions of Scarborough Bloxum [W5842] and Elcanah Andrews [Elkanah Andrews S6507] and the certificates of the Auditor & Register.

With great Respect/ Your ob servt

Tho M Bayly

NOTES: With the pension application of William Saunders (R89) is a copy of “a paper to be found in 1st Vol of papers concerning the State Navy” entitled “List of Officers of the State Navy agreeable to the arrangement 13th May 1784.” It lists Thomas Chandler as Lieutenant, “Dead.”