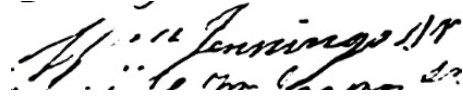


1783 when Peace was proclaimed this Affiant states explicitly that the said Richard Barron did perform actual service and very hard service until the end of the war, all the time the affiant was under his command, as well before the siege of York as afterwards until the end of the War in the year 1783. And the said Barron was justly esteemed one of the most gallant and meritorious officers in the Navy.

[18 Feb 1831]



[The following is almost illegible.]

The affidavit of Commodore James Barron [W12264] taken before me [illegible] a Justice of the Peace for the County of Norfolk, the said affidavit to be read as evidence in a suit depending in the Superior Court of Henrico, wherein James B. Balfour and Ann his Wife, formerly Ann Barron Adm'x of Richard Baron Sen. deceased, are plaintiffs and the Comm'th of Virginia as defendants.

The affiant being duly sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God deposeth and saith, that being requested to explain some matters in a former affidavit especially whether Captain Richard Barron formerly of the State Navy of Virginia performed actual service until the end of the War in seventeen hundred and eighty three. Affiant states [undeciphered word] that the said Richard Barron [two undeciphered words] as a Captain in the said Navy of Virginia until the end of the war in 1783 – and the circumstance of his being [undeciphered word] shortly before the promulgation of peace to go up James River and bring down the Captured Ship Comrant [*Cormorant*] to Norfolk, where she remained until sold after the peace, strengthens the affiant in the belief that the said Captain Richard Barron never was dismissed the service nor never did resign his Commission during the revolutionary war. And there is nothing which transpired in those days, that I now recollect better, than the service of my connections in the revolutionary War – for it was thought dishonorable in those who quit the service before the War was ended. And those who did so, had abundant cause to [one or two undeciphered words], as they were [several undeciphered words] of those who [undeciphered word] to their posts, to the end of the Contest, and amongst that number was my uncle Richard Barron.

[21 Feb 1831]



Land Office Apl 21 1831

I certify a Military Land bounty warr't for 5333 $\frac{1}{3}$ acres issued to Captain Richard Barron for three years sevice in the State Navy, dated June 3rd 1783

Wm Selden R L Off Va

Auditor's Office Aug 22 1831

I do hereby certify that by the Report of the Navy Board held in 1784, which is on file in this office, it appears that Captain Richard Barron was commissioned on the 6 January 1776 as a Captain in the State Navy.

Jas. E. Heth/ Aud'r of public accounts

NOTE: E. M. Sanchez-Saavedra's *A Guide to Virginia Military Organizations in the American Revolution*, lists the following services by Richard Barron as Captain:

Boat *Patriot*, 1776 - 1781

Brig *Jefferson*, 1779 - 1780

Schooner *Harrison*, 1782 - 1783