

Transcription of Pension Application for George Barber

August the 8th 1832

Then came George Barber aged about 68 years before me a Justice of the peace for Ann Arundel County and State of Maryland and made Oath that he was a hand on Board the armed Schooner *Dolphin* the property of the State Commanded by Capt. William Middleton at the time the said Schooner was taken and had been in the said vessel a considerable time previous, that he understood at the time from Capt. Middleton and others that the orders received was to proceed down the Bay, and to be under the directions of Gen'l [*General*] Lafayette, that while the *Dolphin* lay in the Patuxent River Gen'l Lafayette came on board in a Barge, it then blowing a gale of wind, that the Gen'l observed to Capt. Middleton that he could not venture down the Bay with him while the two British ships lay at the mouth of the Patuxent River; that he would go down in the Barge and that the Schooner would follow on as soon as he Capt. Middleton thought he could do so with safety, and that he, Middleton, would make the best of his way to little York. That the *Dolphin* got under way that night it blowing very hard about north and proceeded down the Bay and arrived at little York early next morning. Then Commander Barras applied to Capt. Middleton for a vessel to go down to carry dispatches [*official reports*] to the French Fleet and Capt. Middleton refused to do so and informed him that his Schooner was under the direction of Gen'l Lafayette and could not go with out the Gen'l's permission. Capt. Middleton was then ordered by the Gen'l to receive a French officer with dispatches and proceed as before directed, to go on Board the French Fleet, but it so happened we went on board the British Frigate [*warship*] called the Madaria, But before the Schooner was boarded the French officer in the cabin tore up the dispatches and threw the pieces in the Cabin floor.

I was with the Crew, then carried to England and confined in Fortune Prison about eighteen Months and then sent home in a cartiel [*a ship used to exchange prisoners*] to Philadelphia.

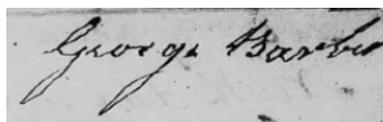
Sworn to Before
Gibson White

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He hereby relinquishes (gives up) any claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

George Barber (his signature)

Sworn to and subscribed the day and
Year aforesaid in Open Court
Gibson White

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Barber".