

I George Barber aged 57 years Do hereby Certify that on or about the year 1779 he was one of the Crew of the Schooner Dauphin, Commanded by Captain William Middleton, that on a Cruise down the Chesapeake Bay with the Marquis De Fayette on Board, the British being in the bay the Marquis took a Barge and keeping the Land made his Escape and arrived safely at York, that Dauphin fell into the hands of the enemy together with all the Crew, and taken to England and Confined in Forton Prison where the said Middleton remained in Confinement the Crew from 12 to 15 Months, that Captⁿ Middleton after about twelve Months Confinement made his Escape and got over to France and from thence worked his Passage ^{to} America, our Sufferings were Extreme, and a more gallant deserving or braver officer, than Captⁿ Middleton never did live being with and having suffered in Common with Captⁿ Middleton I give this Memorandum without fear of apprehension of Contradiction

George Barber

Paris Apr. 11, 1782

I am happy my dear Middleton to hear that you have for me one of the hands and will be glad to render you any service in my power I have wrote to M^r Williams in Havre and requested him to let you have on my account 25 quineas in case you want more I request you will apply to me, Should you be in need of any Assistance from the French Ministry either to obtain passage or upon any other account I beg you will write to me and be certain I shall ever be glad to convince you how sincerely

I am your ob^t serv^t

Captⁿ W^m Middleton

La Fayette