

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 Lafayette 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 Porten Prison where the said Middleton remained in confinement the Crew from 12 to 15 months, that Capt<sup>n</sup> Middleton after about twelve months confinement made his escape and got over to France and from thence worked his passage <sup>to</sup> America, our sufferings were Extreme, and a more gallant deserving or braver officer, than Capt<sup>n</sup> Middleton never did live being with and having suffered in common with Capt<sup>n</sup> Middleton I give this Memorandum without fear of apprehension of Contradiction

George Barber