

Transcription of Soviherman Documents

Annapolis May 14, 1832

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to enclose to your attention the Declaration of Geo. (George) Barber of Annapolis claiming a pension of Revolutionary Services with a request that you will present it to the proper department and communicate the result to me in behalf of Captain Barber. He has been sorely afflicted by Paralysis (inability to move) which has twisted his mouth and one eye and enfeebled him. He has always been remarkable for his sober and temperate life tho (though) enposed (affected by) to the inclemency of the weather (bad weather). His declaration with the proof or deposition of Jos. (Joseph) Sands Sen'r (senior), the collector of the port, were prepared and by him given to me this evening with the above request.

The evidence of those services was formerly in the Auditor's Office but cannot be found by the Register of the Law Office who has charge of the Books and papers since the abolition of the office, which fell in the hands of my successor.

I have received several letters from Doct'r L. Martin relative to his services in the Hospital who mentions you. Have you obtained the necessary evidence?

I have the honour to be with great respect

Yrs MTOT

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To John Leed Kerr

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To the Honorable John McClain, Secretary of the Treas.

The petitions of George Barber aged about 60 years of the city of Annapolis, humbly represents that on or about the year 1779 he was one of the crew of the Schooner Dolphin commanded by Captⁿ William Middleton; that in a crus [cruise] down the Chesapeak Bay with the Marquis De Lafayette on board; that the Marquis took a barge; made his escape and arrived safely at York; that the Dolphin fell into the hands of the enemy, together with all the crew; and were taken to England and confined in Fortune Prison; - that Captain Middleton after being in confinement about 12 or 15 months, made his escape; got over to France, and from thence worked his passage to America; as will be seen by reference to a copy of the petition of Sarah Middleton, the widow of Captⁿ Middleton^s accompanied with a letter from Gen^l Lafayette; and filed in the archives of the House of Delegates of Maryland; and herewith exhibited, and which he pray may be taken as a part of this, his petition. - that your petitioners sufferings were extreme, having remained in prison nearly two years; - that your petitioner has never applied for a pension, either from the state of general government, - that he has lately been much afflicted and is unable to toil and labour for the support of a large family; as he formerly did. He therefore prays for such relief as your Honor; may in justice think he is entitled to, and he will ever pray.

George Barber (his signature)