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Petition of William Langley, Senior, James Bartee, Junior, Samuel Bartee, James Williams, John Portlock, Ann G. McClean, John Redd and Rubin Wilde VAS1881 21

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To the Honorable the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia –

The Petition of William Langley, Senior, James Bartee, Junior, Samuel Bartee, James Williams, John Portlock, Ann G. McClean, John Redd and Rubin Wilde, humbly sheweth

That your Petitioners in the year 1777 enlisted and entered on board the ship's *Caswell*¹ and *Washington*² belonging to this Commonwealth, which was ordered to protect the Sounds and Coast of the State of North Carolina, and on board of which Ships, your said Petitioners served for a length of time, as will appear from the Certificates of the Officers of the said Ships here with sent and annexed. Your Petitioner's further show, that they have received a partial payment of the wages due them as per Credit given here with sent in account and will more fully appear by the Journal of the Navy Board, to which your Petitioners beg leave to refer, and pray that it may be considered as part of their Petitions,

That from the said credits and Journals of the Navy Board it will appear that the payments were made in paper money at a depreciated value, when the same was of little or no value to your Petitioner's: –

They therefore humbly hope that your Honors will not only pay them the balance of their wages which is still due, but will also make them a reasonable Compensation for the depreciation of the money heretofore paid them: – Annual Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray &c

S/ William Langley Senior
James Bartee Junior
James Williams, X his mark
Joshua Williams, X his mark
Ann McLean, X her mark
Elizabeth Mason, X her mark
John Portlock for Archibald Portlock

¹ *Caswell*. Coggins:102, ND6:1417, ND7:121, ND8:175, ND9:37, ND10:802, ND11:191, row galley of the VA Navy, 1776-79, Capt Willis Wilson, built at South Quay on the Blackwater for the defense of Ocracoke Inlet. Coggins:106, this galley was to be purchased by the NC Navy, but she sank on station in June 1779.

<http://www.awiatsea.com/Other/Hough%20List%20C-D.html>

² See the following site for a wonderful history of the VA Navy Galley Washington

<http://www.awiatsea.com/sn/VA/Washington%20Virginia%20Navy%20Galley%20%5bBoush%5d.html>

William Langley Jun^r.
 James Bartee Jun^r
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 Jas. his M^r. Williams
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 Joshua for Williams
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 Ann + M^r. Clean
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 Lewis for M^r. Clean
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 Eliz. + M^r. Mason
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~~William~~
~~John~~
 Peter Bostwick
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[Reverse]

Langley's & al Petition
 November 26, 1794
 To claims

The Commonwealth of Virginia, in account with William Langley Jun^r. C. 57

8	1778	By Capt. Willis Nelson for my pay from 2 ^d Febr ^y till the 24 th Febr ^y 1778. 22 days @ 3/4	3	6	0	13	3
1778	24	By Dillo from 24 th Febr ^y till May 24 th 1778. 92 days @ 3/4	13	16	2	15	3
1778	24	By Dillo from 24 th May till 1 st Sept. 1778. 98 days @ 3/4	14	14	2	18	9
1778	1	By Dillo from 1 st Sept. till October 16. 1778. 46 days @ 3/4 the last time Capt. Wilson down and pay us will appear by the account of the Army	6	18	1	8	-
Paid to me due Wm Langley Jun ^r							

To my pay as a Seaman Board of the Ship Commodore Washington from Febr^y 2. 1778. till the 14th of October 1779. 591 days @ 3/4

William Langley's account showing service on board of the *Caswell* and *Washington* under Capt. Willis Wilson³ for 591 days

Dr The Commonwealth of Virginia in account with Arch ^d Portlock Cr					
1778 Feb ^y	To my pay on board of the Ships <i>Caswell</i> & <i>Washington</i> from Feb ^y 15 th 1778 till Feb ^y 15 th 1779 365 days @ 3 day	1778 Feb ^y 26 th	By Capt ^l Willis Wilson for my pay from 15 th Feb ^y till the 24 th 10 days @ 3 day 1 10 - 0 6		
		May 24 th	By Ditto from Feb ^y 26 th till May 24 th 1778 92 days @ 3 day 13 16 - 2 15 3		
		Sept ^r 1 st	By Ditto from May 24 th till 1 st Sept ^r 1778 98 days @ 3 day 14 14 - 2 18 9		
			By Ditto from Sept ^r 1 st till October 16 th 1778 46 days @ 3 day of the last time Capt ^l Wilson draws my pay as will appear by the Journal of the Navy Balance due Arch ^d Portlock	6 18 - 1 8 -	

Archibald Portlock's account showing service on the *Caswell* and *Washington* under Capt. Willis Wilson for 365 days

Dr The Commonwealth of Virginia in account with Joshua Williams Debit Cr					
1778 Feb ^y	To my pay as a seaman on board the Ships <i>Caswell</i> and <i>Washington</i> from Feb ^y 15 th 1778 till April 3 rd 412 days @ 3 day	1778 Feb ^y 26 th	By Capt ^l Willis Wilson for my pay from 15 th Feb ^y till the 24 th Feb ^y 1778 10 days @ 3 day 1 10 - 0 6		
		May 24 th	By Ditto from Feb ^y 26 th till May 24 th 1778 92 days @ 3 day 13 16 - 2 15 3		
		Sept ^r 1 st	By Ditto from May 24 th till 1 st Sept ^r 1778 98 days @ 3 day 14 14 - 2 18 9		
			By Ditto from 1 st Sept ^r till October 16 th 1778 46 days @ 3 day of the last time Capt ^l Wilson draws my pay as will appear by the Journal of the Navy Balance due Joshua Williams	6 18 - 1 8 -	

Joshua Williams' account showing service on the *Caswell* and *Washington* under Capt. Willis Wilson for 412 days

³ WILSON, WILLIS: VA Captain, Virginia Navy: Willis Wilson was commissioned as a Captain in the Virginia Navy on 25 October 1776 and assigned to the Virginia Navy Galley *Caswell*. [NOAR, 341] <http://www.awiatsea.com/Officers/Officers%20W.html>

De The Commonwealth of Virginia in account with James Bartee Junr. 67

1778 Febry 15	To me pay as a Seaman on board the ships Caswell and Washington from Febry 15 th 1778 till the 15 th November 1778 273 days. @ 7 day	1778. Febry 24	By Capt. Willis Wilson for my pay from 15 th Febry till the 24 th Febry 1778 - 10 days @ 30 1 10 - .. 6 -		
		Aug 24	By Ditto from Febry 24 till May 24 th 1778 92 days @ 30 13 10 - 2 15 3		
		Sept 1	By Ditto from May 24 th till Sept 1 st 1778 78 days @ 30 14 14 - 2 18 7		
			By Ditto from Sept 1 st till October 16 th 1778 45 days @ 30 6 18 - 1 8 -		
			of the last time Capt. Wilson drew a new pay, as ordered by the Board of the said ship. Balance due James Bartee Junr.		

James Bartee's account showing service on the *Caswell* and *Washington* under Capt. Willis Wilson for 273 days

I hereby Certify that Joshua Williams even served in the state of North Carolina under my command from the 15th day of February 1778 to the 3rd day of April 1779. Given under my hand in Norfolk Virginia this 21st day of June 1792

S/ Willis Wilson
late Capt. of the
Caswell & Washington

I hereby Certify that Joshua Williams a Seaman served in the state of North Carolina under my command from the 15th day of Febry 1778 till the 3rd day of April 1779. Given under my hand in Norfolk County Virginia this 21st day of June 1792.
Willis Wilson
late Capt. of the
Caswell & Washington

I hereby Certify that James Bartee Junior a Siemens served in the State of North Carolina under my command from the 15th day of February 1778 till the 15th day of November 1778. Given under my hand in Norfolk County Virginia this 21st day of June 1792

S/ Willis Wilson
late Capt. of the
Caswell & Washington

I hereby certify that James Bartles Junr. a Seaman served
in the State of North Carolina, under my Command from
the 15th day of February 1778 till the 5th day of Nov^r 1778. Given
under my hand in Norfolk County Virginia this 21st day of
June 1792. —
Willis Wilson
late Capt. of the
Caswell & Washington

I hereby Certify that Archibald Portlock served in the State of North Carolina under my
Command from the 15th day of February 1778 till the 15th day of February 1779. Given under
my hand in Norfolk County this ___ day of July 1792

S/ Willis Wilson
late Capt. of the
Caswell & Washington