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young midshipmen of H. M. S. Squirrel, Careless, Marshall, and Young, (who were tried and acquitted on murder of man who attacked them at head of mob and almost cut off the nose of one of them). Serviced Army with intelligence for 12 months through his former Deputy Sheriff named Crossing and a black man, but one stormy night when they went to a fireplace as usual to warm and dry themselves, they were betrayed. Was twice searched and detained, but at length (since all boats were guarded) prevailed on a friend to fit a seat and paddle to a plank on which he reached H. M. S. Glasgow two miles away. After Army took R. I. he furnished spies, collected tools from inhabitants, and supplied blacks for Engineering Dept. Sept. 1778, was appointed Deputy Commissary General for Prisoners in R. I. and went with garrison when it left. Dec. 1778, ordered to accompany expedition to Charlestown, took passage in schooner Peace and Plenty and by own initiative prevented her capture by a 16-gun privateer out of Philadelphia. Memorial 7 Apr. 1786 St. John's. Claim: House and lot in Newport: loss of rents; loss of office as Sheriff. (A013/21/93-98).

CHAN, REUBIN, Dutchess Co., N. Y. Because of loyalty, obliged to flee to N. Y. Jan. 1777. <u>Memorial</u> 18 Apr. 1786 St. John's. <u>Claim</u>: Farm in Dutchess Co. on tract belonging to Col. Roger Morris. (A013/12/38-40).

CHANNING, JOHN, Savannah, Ga. Supplied rice to Army from his plantation opposite Savannah. Memorial by wife Joanna Channing that husband is now on passage to N. Y., read 9 Dec. _____. Evidences: Deposition 18 May 1781 Savannah by James Mitchelson that he received the rice when he was in Comissary-General's Dept. in Ga. (A013/34/196-200).

CHAPMAN, JOHN and WILLIAM, Ga. Memorial 17 June 1788 London by Thomas Horne, John Walker, and Henry Taylor, assignees of claimants (now bankrupt), that they are interested in four fifths of claim, and William Manson in one fifth of claim for losses in S. C. Claim: 5000 acres of land ceded by Indians in Ga. Evidences: Copy deed of 5 Sept. 1775 between John Chapman of Barnes, Co. Durham and William Chapman of Newcastle-upon-Tyne (purchasers of the land), and William Manson of Kirkwall, Orkneys, mariner, appointing latter to sail in Georgia Packet from River Tyne to Ga. and remain there 30 years to manage the lands as factor and agent. (A013/36/654-659).

CHARLES, WILLIAM, Darby, Newhaven Co., Ct. <u>Memorial</u> 15 Mar. 1786 Burton, N. B. Claim: 43 acres; cattle, etc. (A013/21/99).

CHARTERS, GEORGE, Claverock, Albany Co., N. Y. Was in close confinement from Apr. 1777, but joined Army Oct. 1777 and served as Cpl.

CHRISTY, JOHN, Kingsborough Patent, Tryon Co., N. Y. <u>Memorial</u> 24 Feb. 1786 Montreal. <u>Claim</u>: 12 acres in Kingsborough Patent, 8 acres n Mayfield Patent. (A013/12/44).

CHURCH, WILLIAM, Salisbury, Dutchess Co., N. Y. In 1772 purchased rom Nathaniel Fisk a tract of land at Otter Creek, Albany Co., N. Y.; vas preparing to go there with his stock at beginning of war, but joined army in 1776 in King's American Regt., abandoning all his property; served until end of war. Memorial 28 Mar. 1786 Fredericton, N. B. Claim: Land at Otter Creek. (A013/21/100-101).

CLARK, ALEXANDER, Freehold, Monmouth Co., N. J. Came within ines Dec. 1776, and 4 July 1783 embarked at N. Y. on the <u>Grace</u>, Master Villiam Oxley, for N. B. <u>Memorials</u> 22 Feb. 1786 and 19 Jan. 1787 St. John's. Claim: 193 acres; cattle, etc. Rejected. (A013/21/102-104).

CLARK, BENJAMIN, Cappersue, Halifax, N. S. Lived there before war; aken by one of H. M. ships to Halifax to prove loyalty, was discharged out on way home taken prisoner and robbed by rebels. To support family, and to kill two of his cows. Then crossed the Bay to Mr. Hason's, and has lived there since. Memorial 2 Mar. 1786 St. John's. Claim: Loss of personal property. Rejected. (A013/21/105-106).

LARK, JOHN, and Milligan, David, London, England. Merchants, they requently sent goods to America to the order of Indian trader David Holmes, who disposed of them to Creek Indians (who ceded land to pay heir debts, having no other way of satisfying creditors). Holmes, parter George Galphin owned considerable property, but it has now been listributed amongst his friends and relations in America; claimants have been unable to recover debts. Claimants, with John Graham and others, vere owners of ship Inverness, Master John Mackenzie, which 3 Mar. .776 was boarded by armed rebel vessel at Savannah and burned with eargo of rice and deerskins, as well as records of Custom House taken on poard for preservation. Memorials May 1777, 6 Mar. 1781, 25 June .782, 12 Nov. 1783 London. Claim: Loss of debts in Ga.; loss of nverness and cargo. Evidences: Depositions 21 Mar. 1776 Savannah giving accounts of loss of Inverness by John Mackenzie; Thomas Walker, Master of Marlborough; William Pinkerton, Master of brig Samuel and Tharles: Richard Chapman, Master of Adventure; and Thomas Glenders, Master of brig Georgia Packet. Bills of lading for Inverness. Certificate by James Jackson of London, merchant, late of Ga., surviving partner of Andrew McClean of Ga., merchant, that they sold goods to Creek and Therokee Indians. Assignment of a debt from James Jackson to David Milligan, surviving partner of John Clark, dated London 16 Jan. 1786. A013/34/201-221, 228-239, 36/971-974).

1786. Claim: Horses taken by Army and by Americans; cattle; arrears of pay. (A013/24/123-124).

DODGE, ITHAMER, Charlotte Pct., Dutchess Co., N. Y. <u>Evidences</u>: List certified 6 May 1786 of his goods sold publicly in 1777 with names of purchasers. (A013/16/66).

DODGE, STEPHEN, Charlotte Pct., Dutchess Co., N. Y. Carpenter; went into British lines in 1776; remained in N. Y. until end of war, when he came to N. S. Claim: 12 acres at Nine Partners. Evidences: Indenture 9 June 1772 conveying two acres in Nine Partners from Samuel Mabbet of Charlotte Pct. to claimant. Certificate 9 Dec. 1773 by Richard Hart of Charlotte Pct., clothier, that he has sold a tract of 10 acres to claimant. Indictment of claimant 14 July 1783. Affirmation 11 Nov. 1783 by William Thorne and Nicholas Holmes, Quakers, that they have valued claimant's estate. Deposition 24 Mar. 1786 Windsor by Daniel Hammill that claimant is of good character and loyal. Deposition 5 May 1786 Dutchess Co. by James Marshal and Jacob Thorn that they well know claimant, who was their neighbor. (A013/12/298-306).

DOLEAZ, PETER, Franklin, Bergen Co., N. J. <u>Memorial</u> 10 Sept. 1784 Cataroqui. <u>Claim</u>: 50 acres; house; cattle. <u>Evidences</u>: Deposition 8 Feb. 1788 Adelphistown by Albert Cornell that he well knew claimant in Bergen Co. (A013/12/322-324).

DOLES, JAMES, Albany City, N. Y. Confined there at beginning of war, released by exchange; joined Army in N. Y. Oct. 1778. Memorials: by attorney 15 Feb. 1784 London: by claimant 13 June 1787 Shelburne, N. S. Claim: Confinement and loss of grade at Albany: negro who joined Army; half lot and sawmill north of Leansborough, Berkshire Co., N.Y., bought of Ephraim Durwin; provisions supplied to loyalists on Hudson River and Albany; land on east side of Hudson River, Albany County purchased 3 Apr. 1767 from Isaac Marshall and Mangle Manthorne: a lot in Albany City acquired by deed of gift 14 Feb. 1771 from Staats Vansantvord; lot purchased 5 July 1768 from Corporation of Albany City; lot in Cortland St., N. Y. C., purchased from John Marston; 1000 acre tract in Essex Twp., Hudson River, purchased 13 Mar. 1775 from Derrick Leffesh of N. Y. C.; land in Norfolk Twp., Lichfield Co., purchased 17 Apr. 1775 from Tarbell and Whitney: half of sloop Camden, owned jointly with Phillip Jacobs, taken by rebels, ordered to Esopus as prison ship for loyalists, and afterwards burned: bar iron buried in claimant's garden in Albany; debts owed to him [list]. (A013/12/307-314).

1780 and was with Cornwallis's Army in Va.; in course of business obtained receipts for cattle furnished to Army; has been appointed to act as agent for claimants who furnished supplies; i.e., Robert Bignell, schooner; Widow Betts, salt; William Blyden, hay; Samuel Barron, waggon and horses: William Brambos, cartage; Lt. Conroy, wood; > John Calvert, rum; William Chapman, grain; John Covenhoven, hay; Martin Carshow, horse: John Clarke, cattle: William Durell, rum: Nicholas Dilworth, oats: Gabriel Durvee, cartage: George Durvee, sheep; James Eddy, sled; David Evans, corn; Peter Emmerman, pasturage; Louis Guion, hay: Benjamin Hewlett, a steer; Richard Hayes, rum; Townsend Hewlett, cartage; John Jones, cartage; Thomas Jackson, sundries; T. and R. Jackson, waggons; Jesse Jenkins, sundries; Jerenon Lister, cartage: Benjamin Lister, wood; Jonathan Livezy, cows: Jeremus Lott, pasturage: Mulcatry, marquee: Robert More, oxen; John Noe, beef; Caleb Newton, hay; Thomas Port, waggon; Thomas Place, hay; Philip Platt, waggon; John Peters, corn; Henry Pryor, oats: Derick Remsen, hay: Rem Remsen, sundries: Charles Schultz, sundries; Gilbert Smith, wood; Benjamin Smith, wood; Henry Sedam, cartage; Amos Smith, waggon; George Smith, hay; Jonathan Shepperd, four yoke of oxen; William Seaman, salt and hay; Tremain and Stout, sundries: William Tinsley, wines and spirits: Ralph Vandalen, waggoner's work: William Van Velzer, cartage: Ebenezer Vanstrander, horses and waggons; Richard Willis, hay; David Walters, cartage; Daniel Weeks, cartage; William Waldin, waggon; Peter Wikoff, pasturage; Robert Young, wood; Jonathan Zickland, cartage; Henry Zobriskie, hay. In addition, receipts are produced on behalf of Nicholas Presson, Thomas Presson, and John Burcher, while another receipt held on behalf of James Parsons has been mislaid. Examination 11 Nov. 1789 of William Donaldson who says he acts under power of attorney from Robert Auchmuty 7 June 1785 London. Vouchers and list enclosed. (A013/3/344-592).

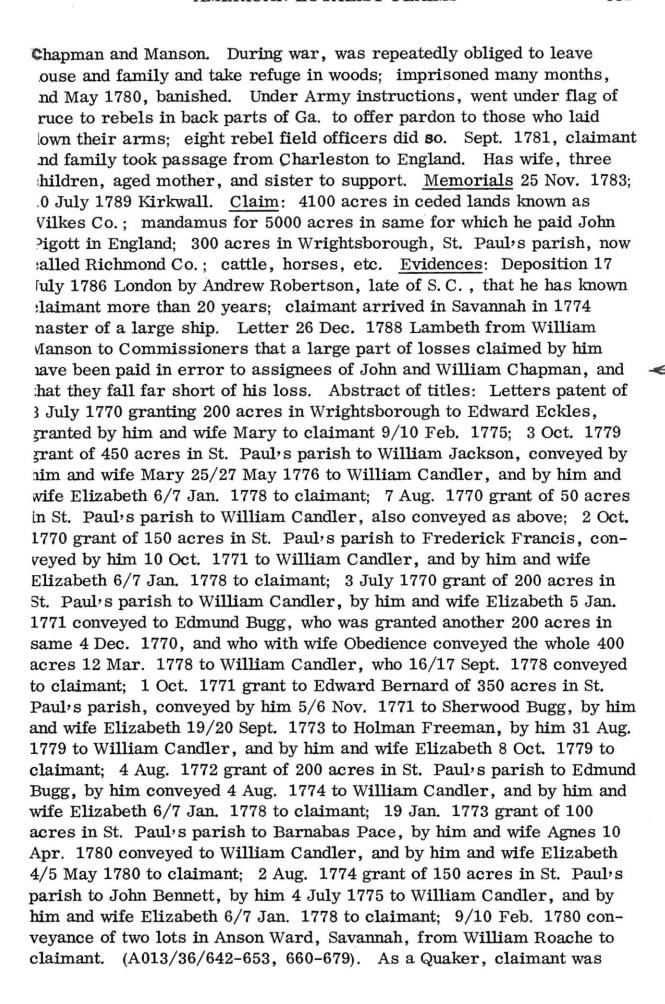
DOTTEN, JAMES, Phillipsburgh, Westchester Co., N. Y. Came within British lines and Aug. 1777 volunteered under Col. De Lancey; he was made Sgt. Jan. 1780 and Ens. Aug. 1781, until he came to N. S. June 1783. Memorial 29 Mar. 1786 Ramsneck. Claim: Horse lost in service. Rejected. (A013/26/83-84).

DOUGLASS, JOHN, Ga. Son and heir of David Douglass deceased, Speaker of Ga. House of Assembly, and guardian of his father's younger children. As Lt. Col. and Commandant of Loyal Militia of Ga., frequently imprisoned and wounded in H. M. service; in action against rebel Gen. Wayne was badly injured by a shot through body. Defended fort of Augusta against rebels more than 11 weeks before surrendering; was

MANNING, THOMAS, Norfolk Co., Va. Born in Va.; with relations and friends set out to join Lord Dunmore, but could not pass over Great Bridge because it had been taken by rebels. He and party had to live in woods until 1779, when he was able to join a British expedition sent into Va. from N. Y. Enlisted as Pvt. in 84th Regt. but was wounded at Battle of the Utaahs and rendered unfit for further service. While his party was hiding in woods they were attacked by rebels: two of them killed, another five captured and executed at Williamsburg. Claimant was sent with invalid Co. to New Providence, where he was captured by Spaniards. With rest of garrison, was sent back to England in 1783 and ordered to Portsmouth, where he was discharged 24 Mar. 1789. Memorial 6 Apr. 1789 London. Claim: Relief for self and family. (A013/31/347-352).

MANSON, THOMAS, Augusta, Ga. Native of Britain, was Ens. in N. C. Regt.; was banished from Ga. with brother William Manson, who lived with him. Made dangerous journey of 70 miles through woods to reach an advance British post at Pearis Mills and convey intelligence to them. Served in the defense of Savannah and after reduction of Charleston in 1780. resided there in a merchant house. Volunteered for expedition to Wilmington in 1780, accepted Ensigncy in 60th Regt., but could not raise more than half a Co. When Wilmington was evacuated Nov. 1781, his baggage was plundered on wharf by negroes; remainder thrown overboard because weight of baggage on deck threatened to overturn ship. Remained with Regt. when they went to St. Augustine and was then ordered to Halifax to be disbanded and receive lands. When he arrived Nov. 1783, the lands had not been surveyed or grants made. Unable to subsist in Halifax on half pay, much less go into an uncultivated wilderness covered in snow, he took passage to Britain. Because of adverse winds, ship put into Ireland where she remained a long time; then on passage from Cork to Bristol Jan. 1784, she wrecked on coast of Cornwall. Claimant has since stayed with wife and family at house of father-in-law, Maj. Daniel Manson, who now needs to move with own family to a cheaper part. Memorial 23 Aug. 1784 Deptford. Claim: Horses and personal property. (A013/36/633-641).

MANSON, WILLIAM, Ga. For many years commander of merchant ship plying between Britain and America; in 1774, business took him to Ga. where he settled on frontier lands lately ceded by Indians. By bringing out a number of settlers from Europe, became entitled by headright to 6000 acres which could not be purchased any other way; also bought and settled plantation in St. Paul's parish. Brought more than 100 people to Ga. to work on his new settlement, all as his indentured servants; paid their passage, located, and clothed them after their arrival, and advanced them money for their needs in 1775. Was partner in company of



unable to bear arms. "Perhaps his being the instrument of transplanting so many good subjects from Scotland into America may be considered as a demerit." (A012/100/28).

MARCHISON, DUNCAN (X), Tryon Co., N. Y. <u>Memorial</u> 27 Feb. 1786 New Johnstown. <u>Claim</u>: 14 acres in Kingsborough Patent; log house, etc. (A013/14/411).

MARCHISON, JOHN (X), Tryon Co., N. Y. <u>Memorial</u> 1 Mar. 1786 Quebec. <u>Claim</u>: 12 acres in Sir John Johnson's Patent; log house, etc. (A013/14/412).

MARJORIBANK, THOMAS, Philadelphia Pa. By trade, ship bread baker until Sept. 1775 when rebels shut port against all British subjects and he lost his business. With family, moved to Bucks Co., 30 miles away, and sought to live in peace without taking up arms. When Howe took Philadelphia, left wife and family and went within British lines, came with Army to N. Y. where he supported himself until Nov. 1779 as journeyman baker. While he was absent, wife and four children were cruelly treated and she had to pay fines; they obtained leave to remove to N. Y. May 1780. Memorial 7 Feb. 1786 Digby. Claim: Loss of trade; removal expenses for family. Rejected. (A013/26/280-282).

MARKLEY, HENRY (X), Tryon Co., N. Y. Memorial 24 Feb. 1786 Montreal. Claim: 40 acres; house, etc. (A013/14/255-256).

MARPLE, NORTHRUP, Great Egg Harbor, N. J. Acted as guide to Army and gave intelligence of rebel movements which saved 150 men being taken at Mount Holley. Taken before Gov. Livingston, loaded with irons and taken to Morris Town Gaol to await trial, he escaped to Philadelphia where he remained in service until taken ill and rendered incapable of doing more for self or family. Memorial 4 Jan. 1784 St. John's that he has sent to William Franklin by the Narcissus a note of his losses. Claim: Two tracts in Great Egg Harbor; 300 acres in Gloucester Twp., N. J.; tract in Fredericks Co., New Virginia; various personal items "too tedious to insert." Evidences: Certificate 7 Sept. 1783 by Michael Gordon, Sgt. Maj. of 17th Dragoons; Alexander Skirvin, soldier of 84th Regt.; and Joseph Dixon of 17th Dragoons that claimant helped them escape through N. J. to British lines. (A013/19/159-162).

MARRON, DAVID (X), St. George's parish, Ga. Joined Army and was in the lines at Savannah during siege. At the evacuation, went to E. Fla., to N. S. to meet wife and daughter, and then to England, where he had no friends or money, to pursue claim. He now (1785) resides at Larne,

Fraser on behalf of claimant. Examination 20 Apr. 1789 of Thomas Fraser who says claimant was loyal, but is now citizen of Portsmouth, N. H. (A013/8/501-528).

SHEDDEN, ROBERT, Portsmouth, Va. Merchant; joined Dunmore in 1775 and sheltered in fleet with family. Was then made prisoner and confined in several gaols before escaping and returning to fleet. Then went to Bermuda, where he fitted out armed vessels before removing with family to N. Y. and joining Messrs. Goodrich. Memorial, undated. Claim: Water lot, large house, wharf and two warehouses in Portsmouth; sloop Dreadnaught burned in Potomack; schooner Molly destroyed there; sloop Agatha taken in 1775 and carried to Hampton; plantation of 20 acres and house called Deal's, opposite Norfolk; 19 negroes; debts due to Robert Shedden & Co. and John Shedden & Co. [ledgers with many names 1. Evidences: Title deeds quoted include: Conveyance 25 Oct. 1770 from James Marsden & Co. of Norfolk and John Goodrich of Portsmouth, a water lot: conveyance 17 Apr. 1772 from Thomas Veal, executor of William Dale; Daniel Dale, son and heir of said William; and Dinah Dale, widow of said William; to claimant, plantation near Portsmouth. (A013/33/78-123).

SHEETS, JACOB, SR., Tryon Co., N. Y. <u>Memorial</u> 24 Feb. 1786 Montreal. <u>Claim</u>: House and 40 acres; 41 acres of land leased from Sir William Johnson; cattle, etc. (A013/15/344-345).

SHELL, JOHN, Tryon Co., N. Y. Served as soldier in Royal Regt. of N. Y. <u>Memorial</u> 2 Mar. 1786 Montreal. <u>Claim</u>: 160 acres and house in tract granted to Johannes Lawyer and Jacob Burst, Jr. near Cobus Kill, 20 miles from Schoharry. (A013/15/346).

SHELTON, EBENEZER, Stratford, Ct. Left there Oct. 1776 and joined Army in N. Y., serving in British American Regt. as Sgt. until they were disbanded 20 Oct. 1783. Memorial 16 Dec. 1785 Halifax. Claim: 195 acres, two houses and cattle in parish of Ripton, Stratford; 400 acres in Newhaven Co., Ct. Rejected. (A013/26/453-456).

SHEPARD, WILLIAM, Philadelphia, Pa. Lived at Seventh St. for some years before war, keeping a farm and stables. Army occupied his property from Nov. 1777 to June 1778, depriving him and family of support.

<u>Memorial</u>, undated. <u>Claim</u> for rent. <u>Examination</u> of claimant 8 May 1789. (A013/9/153-163).

SHEPHERD, WILLIAM, N. Y., on behalf of inhabitants of Va. Memorial 7 Nov. 1783 London by George Munro, merchant, that in 1783 William

Shepherd appointed Robert Hoakesley of N. Y. as agent to receive payment of claims, Hoakesley sold the claims to Duncan Hunter of N. Y., and Hunter appointed memorialist as agent. Claim: Supplies furnished to Army at York Town in 1781 by: John Burcher, Lawrence Smith, Mary Moore, Merrit Moore, Jane Allen, Sheldon Moss, Augustine Moore,

Allen Chapman, Thomas Ross, Harwood Burk, John Kirby, Thomas Holmes, Francis Riddlehurst, Judith Bailey, Francis Stevenson, Hannah Bailey, Seymour Howell, Mary Stephenson, John Mallery, John Cheeseman, Jane Powell, John Selator, Starkey Robinson, Arthur Robinson, Edwin Garnett, William Diggs, John Patrick, Miles King, Henry Howard, John Robinson. (A013/9/51-124).

SHERAR, THOMAS, West Branch of Delaware River, Tryon Co., N. Y. Driven from property, joined Maj. Edward Jessup's Corps as Pvt. at Machuhe Dec. 1780. Memorial 11 Mar. 1786 New Carlisle. Claim: House and 200 acres on lease forever. (A013/15/347).

SHERMAN, SIMEON, Saratoga, Albany Co., N. Y. Farmer and carpenter; fled Nov. 1776 and joined Maj. Edward Jessup at Crown Point, serving as Pvt. until Dec. 1783. Memorial 14 Mar. 1786 New Carlisle. Claim: 200 acres on lease; house; carpenter's tools, etc. Evidences: Deposition 15 Mar. 1786 New Carlisle by Abraham Brown that he lived in claimant's neighborhood before war and knew him as peaceable man; fled with him in 1776. Deposition same date and place by James Stone that he and claimant took to the woods and got to Canada. (A013/15/348-349).

SHERWOOD, ADAIAH, Cortlandt Manor, Westchester Co., N. Y. Fled to Army in N. Y. in 1776. Memorial 28 Mar. 1786 St. John's. Claim: Five horses; cattle; crops, etc. Evidences: Letter 27 Dec. 1786 Hamond River from claimant to Commissioners that he arrived at St. John's Aug. 1783. Rejected. (A013/22/251-255).

SHERWOOD, JUSTICE/JUSTUS, Cortlandt Manor, Westchester Co., N. Y. On advice of Army, stayed with family as long as he could to procure intelligence and assist loyalists. Was twice arrested; refused to fight for rebels. In 1781, had to leave when he was exchanged for James Crawford; he took with him wife and eight children. Memorial 28 Mar. 1786 St. John's. Claim: Fines; guns; provisions and waggons; farm held on lease for three lives. Evidences: Letter 3 Jan. 1787 Hamond River from claimant to Commissioners that he left N. Y. 11 Oct. 1783, resided in St. John's until Nov. 1784, then retired to farm. (A013/22/256-260).

SHERWOOD, JUSTUS, New Hampshire Grants, Charlotte Co., N.Y.

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