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Dear Mrs. Claggett:

I do not believe I can adequately express to you how much I appreciated and how delighted I was to have you lend to this Museum the wonderful letter of General George Washington to Mrs. Dulany thanking her when the General returned the "horse blueskin". The letter was lent, as you know, in the name of your son, Commander Bladen Dulany Claggett, USN, a graduate of the United States Naval Academy - Class of 1935.

This letter proved to be one of the most interesting items in the Museum's exhibit for the Tercentenary Celebration of Annapolis. Our Museum collaborated with Mrs. Henry W. Robert, Jr., in this celebration, and we managed to point out that Washington made as many as 18 visits to Colonial Annapolis - the first one being when Washington was 19 years old. He visited a building here very close to the present site on which now stands the new Museum. Washington came to visit one Daniel Wolstenholme a rich bachelor importer and exporter whose residence and warehouse was near the Severn at the foot of Northeast Street (now called Maryland Avenue). Both the late Dr. John J. Fitzpatrick and I proved to our own satisfaction in 1928 that the object of the visit here in 1751 was to secure transportation for Lawrence Washington's proposed visit to Barbados for the latter's health. The Museum also had in its exhibit a model of the Naval Academy as it existed when Fort Severn was taken over by the Navy Department from the War Department and the United States Naval School was founded on October 10, 1845. This model shows Fort Severn which was built in 1809, but the interesting fact about the model is that the model shows the home of the first and second Daniel Dulany. To me this is fascinating because when I entered the Naval Academy September 13, 1898, this Dulany house was the official quarters of the Superintendent of the Naval Academy, the late Rear Admiral P. V. McHair, USN, and later while I was still here it became the official quarters of the late Rear Admiral Richard Bainwright, USN, at that time a commander and the recent hero who commanded the USS CLOUDESTON at the Battle of Santiago, Sunday, July 3, 1898, and sank the two Spanish torpedo boats, PLUTON and FUROR, right off the entrance to Santiago Harbour and under the guns of the Morro.

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Mrs. Samuel Claggett

21 June 1949

You will be glad to know that a few minutes after I returned to Annapolis I was enabled to find out the exact date that General Washington wrote this letter to Mrs. Dulany. The date was November 23, 1785, some 11 or 12 years after Mrs. Dulany's husband had loaned Washington the "horse blueskin". Apparently "Blueskin" was lent to Washington by Mrs. Dulany's husband for the former to ride in the fox hunts at Mt. Vernon. I obtained the foregoing information from the published letters of Washington which were got out in connection with the George Washington Bicentennial in 1932. In doing so I discovered that the footnote in connection with the publication of this letter stated that the letter was sent to Mrs. Daniel Dulany, which of course is in error according to the statements made by you and Mrs. Williams. The Mrs. Dulany referred to in the General's letter was Mrs. Benjamin Dulany, whose husband was the grandson of the first Daniel Dulany. I think this is a very interesting and important discovery and I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Solon J. Buck, the Chief of the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress, so that the records there may be corrected.

I am enclosing a copy of this letter for your son in a franked, official envelope so that all that is necessary for you to do is to add his current address. I am also mailing a copy of this letter to Mrs. Williams who was so gracious as to give us a photograph of the miniature of the beautiful Mrs. Benjamin Dulany and told us the interesting story of her landed property between Alexandria, Virginia and Mt. Vernon and the fact that she had been an orphan whose guardians were George Washington and George Mason.

Your graciousness in lending the Washington letter has not only proved of great interest to the Tercentenary Celebration of the City of Annapolis, but has increased our historical knowledge. I am sorry that I did not, in 1927, know more about the physical characteristics of the horse "Blueskin" when John Ward Dunsmore, the great artist was then in his prime, had asked me could I find out for him the details about the coloring and size of this famous horse that the artist might paint Washington mounted on "Blueskin". In closing I wish to thank you also for lending us the Currier and Ives lithograph of Washington mounted on "Blueskin".

Very sincerely,

*H. A. Baldrige*

H. A. Baldrige  
Captain, U.S. Navy (Retired)  
Director

Mrs. Samuel Claggett  
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Memorandum of an agreement, entered into between Blew  
Dulany, of the one part & Nimrod Bishop of the other  
part with respect to that the said Bishop hath  
undertaken to execute for the said Dulany all of  
the carpenter's & joiner's work, of a dwelling house,  
the dimensions of which will appear by reference  
to a draught of said house which has been furnished  
to the said Dulany by the said Bishop. That is  
to say— As it respects the cellar or ground floor  
to make as many stoups & substantial inside  
doors, with best stock locks, as may be required;  
& a covered way (with stoup folding doors, & a  
stoup stock lock) leading to the cellar with  
windows, corresponding with those on the next  
floor— In the first story— A main folding  
door (of such dimensions, as the said Dulany  
may direct) with best brass lock, & 6. stoup butte  
hinges, & a bolt, above & below— also a door, at  
each end of the passage; 2 windows in the passage  
a door leading from the passage to each of the  
rooms & a folding door 7 1/2 feet wide, in the  
partition, between the two rooms— 2 windows to  
each room, one of which, for each room, to be  
constructed, by springs, as to be used, as occasion  
may require, either as a door, or window— a neat  
lacey chimney piece to each room & bay & sub-  
lacy ~~through~~ throughout— A ramp & kneed stair  
case, in the passage, with wets cherry hand rail,  
stained & varnished— All the floors in this story, to  
be best secret nail— Doors best double worked  
6 barneled

with neat pilasters, & rose blocks, best brass  
locks, & butt hinges - Windows - 18 lights, 10 by 12. with  
fancy pilasters, & rose blocks, pulleys, & double weights.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Story, of 3 rooms, & a passage - Floor, & stair-  
case, as above - Doors - double work, 6 panels, with  
double architecture, & best japanned locks, & butt  
hinges - 7 windows of 15 lights, 10. by 12 - 2 in one  
room, with pulleys, & double weights - the others  
with single weights - Closets as required - a  
neat chimney piece, to each room - - -  
In the garret - Floor - tongued & grooved - Doors -  
panels, with best japanned locks, & butt  
hinges - a shelf, over each fire place, & end  
windows, of lights - plain stair:case -  
outside - A neat modillion cornice, on both  
fronts, & one gable end - on the same gable  
end, 4 sham Venetian windows, with hang-  
ings - Best Venetian blinds, to every window  
in the house, with springs to collapse  
them, both, when open, or closed -

All the afore-described work, to be  
executed by the said Bishop in a neat,  
substantial, & workmanlike manner, & ma-  
terials, of every description, (scarcely ex-  
cepted) ~~of~~ of the best quality, to be furnished  
by him, the said Bishop -

The said Bishop, on his  
part, covenants & agrees, to furnish all of  
the

scantling of every description, & to pay and to  
the said Bishop, the amount which he, the  
said Bishop, may pay, for the pulleys, & weights  
used, in all the windows; & furthermore, the  
said Dulany, agrees to pay to the said  
Bishop, in consideration, of this contract  
the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500)  
in manner following - that is to say - \$300.  
on the first day of Oct. ensuing - \$400, when  
the roof of the house, shall have been finished,  
\$400, when the house, shall have been completely  
plastered, & glazed, & all the Venetian blinds, made  
& hung - & the remaining \$400, in six months  
after the whole work shall have been com-  
pleted. It is understood, that the said Bishop,  
is to board himself, & his workman, at his own  
cost, in all respects.

B. Dulany  
Assistant Bishop

Test; Asiah C. Bishop  
August 1<sup>st</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1824



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|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| To cash ad <sup>d</sup> 5.30                     | 13 <sup>th</sup> work on the house - 15.00       |
| To David 2.00                                    | By the m <sup>o</sup> repairs building 485.03    |
| Morris bill 14.37                                | 13 <sup>th</sup> do on another house 84.55       |
| To m <sup>o</sup> m <sup>o</sup> also work 28.00 | 13 <sup>th</sup> do on masonry - 34.00           |
| To do 11.25                                      | By the m <sup>o</sup> m <sup>o</sup> house 60.00 |
| <u>2548.62</u>                                   | By m <sup>o</sup> m <sup>o</sup> materials 40.00 |
|                                                  | By m <sup>o</sup> m <sup>o</sup> 5.83            |
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|                                                  | By m <sup>o</sup> m <sup>o</sup> 15.00           |
|                                                  | By m <sup>o</sup> m <sup>o</sup> 485.13          |
|                                                  | By m <sup>o</sup> m <sup>o</sup> 84.55           |
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|                                                  | By m <sup>o</sup> m <sup>o</sup> 60.00           |
|                                                  | By m <sup>o</sup> m <sup>o</sup> 40.00           |
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My dear Sir

Kilcock Aug. 27. 1824

From the weakness of my memory, I fear, you will detect many omissions, in this memorandum; & if so, they may be hereafter added. I should like to see you again, before I draw the agreement with you.

B. Delany Esq.

Truly your friend

L. Turner

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Memorandum of an agreement made and entered into  
this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 1825 between Bladen Delany  
of the one part and Nimrod Bishop of the other  
part, Witnesseth, That the aforesaid Delany and  
Nimrod Bishop having entered into an agreement  
of the 27<sup>th</sup> August 1824 by which said agreement  
the said Bishop is executed certain work and find  
certain materials, specified in said Contract  
relative to the completion of a Brick house ~~on~~  
the property of said Delany a more particular desc  
ription of which contract maybe had by refer  
ence thereto, and for which said work and materials  
~~mentioned~~ in the contract referred to, the said Dela  
ny covenanted and agreed to ~~with~~ said Bishop to  
pay him therefor the sum of fifteen hundred dol  
lars by certain instalments and at stated periods  
mentioned in said Contract, and in part executed  
of the aforesaid Contract the said Delany having  
paid the sum of five hundred dollars, Now this  
agreement Witnesseth, that the said Bishop agrees  
and covenants with said Delany to take of said  
Delany a certain tract or parcel of land lying  
& being situated in the Counties of Prince William  
& Fauquier supposed to contain two hundred  
acres being the same land purchased by said De  
lany of Charles S. Carter and to give to said Dela  
ny for said land the sum of Two Thousand dol  
lars after the following manner that is to say  
The sum of fifteen hundred dollars which was con  
tracted to be paid by said Delany for the work  
and materials mentioned in the contract before  
referred to, is to ~~be deducted from the~~ taken out

of the sum of ~~the~~ <sup>three</sup> thousand dollars the price of  
the land leaving a balance of five hundred dollars  
due upon the land purchase, which said balance  
the said Bishop covenants and agrees to settle  
the said <sup>Dulany</sup> discharge by furnishing materials &  
~~any~~ and executing any work in  
his line of business which the said Dulany may  
want done to the amount of the said five  
hundred dollars and the remaining sum of  
~~five hundred dollars~~  
which accrued by reason of the advancement  
of the sum of five hundred dollars by said <sup>Dea</sup>  
lany to said ~~the~~ Bishop he the said <sup>Bishop</sup> ~~agrees~~  
& promises to pay in money to the said Dulany  
and the said Dulany on his part covenants &  
agrees to settle the said Bishop that when the  
said materials are furnished and the work  
executed as set forth in their agreement  
of the 27<sup>th</sup> of August 1824, and in the said  
Bishop shall have executed to him the said  
Dulany a bond for five hundred dollars with  
good & approved personal security that he  
~~the said will execute to him the said Bishop~~  
~~of a good & sufficient deed for the afore~~  
~~said two hundred acres of land and also~~  
~~discharge shall have discharged the sum of five hun~~  
dred dollars by furnishing materials and executing  
work to said amount, that then in the said Dea  
lany will execute to said Bishop a good & sufficient  
deed for the aforesaid two hundred acres of land  
as security for the said

CERTIFICATE OF CAMERA OPERATOR

I hereby certify that the documents represented by the micrographics appearing on this roll of film designated as Reel No. M3482 were photographed by the undersigned on this date. *Miller Collection of Nourse Family Papers*

Reel begins with Letter of H.P. Baldridge, Capt. U.S.N.

Reel ends with Memorandum of Agreement

By Elaine Hunt

DATE August 18, 1983

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