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Virginia documents pertaining to William Graves VAS1666

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[From [Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection](#)/ Charlotte County]

To the Hon'ble Speaker & Members of the Legislature of Virginia in general Assembly

The petition of William Graves a resident of Charlotte County Humbly sheweth that your petitioner is now in the 70<sup>th</sup> year of his age and Labouring under sore affliction, and otherwise distressed. Your petitioner has been a Soldier of his Country he early volunteered, his services under Capt. Lewellin Jones [sic: Llewellyn Jones], of Amelia at the time there was a call for men to go against Lord Dunmore when he left Williamsburg and took shelter on Board of the British ships of War that lay in & about Hampton road [8 Jun 1775], at that time. That upon his return from that Campaign, he inlisted in the Minute Service under the said Captain Jones & served the Campaign at the Burning of Norfolk [1 Jan 1776]; he also serv'd three towers in the Militia, under Capts. Goode & Roberson [probably Robertson] of Chesterfield and Capt. Terry, of Halifax. (That on the approach of Lord Cornwallis's Army to Virginia in March 1781 your petitioner Volunteered his services under General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene], joined his infantry, fought the Battle of Gilford [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] and remained to the end of the Campaign. That your petitioner for the last Eighteen or Twenty years have been sorely afflicted with the gravil, in so much that he has been frequently confined to his bed six Months at a time that in order to obtain Medicine, aid & other releif in his distress he has been compelled to sell his small real & other Estate, to support himself his aged wife and famly untill the whole of which is exhosted, and your petitioner rendered incapable from his affliction to support any Longer upon the small pitance allowed him by the County, being only Twentyfive dollars a sum bearily sufficiant to obtain his bread or [undeciphered word] for the insuing year under existing circumstances. Your petitioner being advised by his most respectable acquaintances to through himself on the Philanthropy of his County he therefore humbly prays that your Honorable body will take his case into consideration and only bestow on him the pitance allowed to the War worn Soldier in Indigent circumstances and as in duty bound he will pray &c

We the undersigned are Neighbours and acquaintance of the Petitioner William Graves & know that the matter stated in his petition relative to his affliction & circumstances is true & as it relates to other matters we belave to be true [23 signatures]

Dec'r 10<sup>th</sup> 1819 Ref'd to Claims/ Reported Dec'r 20<sup>th</sup>/ reasonable/ Bill 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec'r

[From [Revolutionary pension records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

[The top and bottom portions are cut off the online image.]

...my true and lawful attorney for me and in my [illegible word] to apply for receive and grant receipts for the Sum of Sixty Dollars allowed by the present Session of the General assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia now in Session in Richmond for my Relief as a Pension being one of the Revolutionary Soldiers, to ask of the proper officer of the Government the above named sum receive the same & grant such receipts for the same as may be necessary & legal, hereby binding myself to abide any thing which my said attorney may lawfully do in my name in the business. Witness my hand & seal this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 1820.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Graves". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned at the bottom of the page, below the typed text.

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I Robert Morton one of the Commonwealths Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, do hereby Certify that William Graves whose signature appeared to the foregoing Power Attorney personally appeared before me & acknowledged the same to be....

NOTE: The latter file includes other powers of attorney similar to the above, as well as receipts and other documents. The last document in the file is a receipt dated 28 Jan 1830.