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Petition of Mary Ohara [O'Hara] widow of Daniel O'Hara VAS1746

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[From [Virginia Legislative Pensions](#)]¹

To the honorable the Speaker, and Gentlemen of the house of Delegates

The Petition of Mary Ohara [Mary O'Hara] Humbly sheweth that She is the unhappy Widow of Daniel Ohara, a soldier who was killed at the defeat of Col. Buford [Abraham Buford] in a late action [Battle of the Waxhaws, May 29, 1780]² with the enemy to the Southward, in which engagement were also killed two of her sons; that by them and her husband, She who is old & infirm, with two small children were supported & maintained; that She was at that time, & still is far from home, in a helpless destitute situation without money, & of course friends; that should she be enabled to get home, she then has no probable means of subsisting, with any tolerable degree of comfort, her husband leaving nothing at his death to support her on, he having devoted together with his two sons, several of their last years in the service of their country in the army. under these very unhappy circumstances, your petitioner is increasingly alarmed at the future prospect of support for herself & her two helpless Children, and can see no prospect before her eyes, but the dreadful & horrid one of begging or starving without the interposition of your honorable house; She therefore humbly begs that you will be pleased to take her case under consideration & in your wisdom, goodness & mercy be pleased to grant her such temporary or other relief as you shall think necessary & fit. And Your Petitioner in duty bound shall ever pray &c.

Mary Ohara's petition
December 2nd, 1780
referred to Trade
December 6th, 1780
Reasonable
Allowed £150 for present
relief
Reynolds

¹ http://digitool1.lva.lib.va.us:8881/R/VN2MJITJGQHHY52NTNP15G77GFVXPY1XV9TIDLCTRRJTVOCV24-02450?func=results-jump-full&set_entry=000017&set_number=965837&base=GEN01 [viewed 6/12/23]

² https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_waxhaws.html [viewed ditto]