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Petition of Thomas Wilson VAS1762

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To the Honourable the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia
The Petition of Thomas Wilson

Humbly Sheweth.

That your petitioner was one of the party that went with Capt. William Linn to New Orleans. That on his return to Pittsburgh your Petitioner's Constitution was (and still remains) so Impaired by the unhealthiness of the climate and the severity of the service that he could not attend at Williamsburg to receive his Wages, he was therefore obliged to entrust another person to receive his money which was accordingly paid to a certain John Pollock [John Pollock] and in crossing the Monongahela River on his return lost his pocket book with the money of your Petitioner there and being forty-two pounds four shillings and eight pence and a few days after the said Pollock was killed by the Indians, and has left estate to reimburse your Petitioner, whose Indigent Circumstances is too distressing to have the laws, and His Health Not yet established or Relieved from the disorders contracted on the Expedition aforesaid.

Your petitioner therefore Humbly prays that if your Honourable House can with [indecipherably faint word] you will order your Petitioner to be reimbursed, your petitioner with a [word too faint to discern] is obliged from his Circumstances to apply to your Honourable Body as the only source from which he can Expect any relief for his distressed Circumstances, which carries him beyond his natural Inclination. Your Petitioner shall ever pray.

Yohogania County: SS

Personally appeared before me One of the Justices of said County, Simon Fletcher who being duly sworn according to law deposeth that about the last of July last, he the Deponent was in Company with one John Polk & another on the Monongahela River, between Redstone Creek & Redstone Old Fort, when he the said Polk Dropped his Pocket=Book in the River & cried to the Rest of the men that he lost his Pocket book in the River in which the Deponent & 5 or 6 of the Men Searched for the Said Book but could not find it. Sworn before me this 5th day of May 1778

S/ John Campbell