

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Petition of Charles Lewis VAS1779

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[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Williamsburg (City) Legislative Papers

To the Hon. the Speaker and Gentleman of the House of Delegates

The petition of Charles Lewis of the City of Williamsburg humbly sheweth that he acted as an assistant Quarter Master in the State Service under Col. William Finnie¹ who was the State Quarter Master General, from the 14th Day of October 1778 until the 15th Day of July 1779 and received only the nominal Pay at that Time allowed by the State, and has not received any Allowance for the Depreciation which has been allowed to all other officers for similar Services. And your Petitioner begs leave further to inform that he was appointed Commissary of Forage by General Thomas Nelson on the 1st Day of January in the year 1781 when this State was invaded by the British Enemy under the command of Arnold [Benedict Arnold] and continued discharging his Duty as Commissary aforesaid until the 1st Day of October in the last mentioned Year and hath not received any Satisfaction whatever for the same, All which assertions contained in this Petition will appear true by Certificates under the Hands of General Thomas Nelson and Col. William Finnie,² Wherefore your Petitioner prays that this Hon. House will take the same under their Consideration and give such Relief as to them shall seem just & Right, and your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever pray –

C. Lewis's Petition
to General Assembly
22nd November 1788
Referred to Claims
rejected
reported 7th of December 89

¹ [William Finnie R14175](#)

² The certificates of general Nelson and of Col. Finnie referred to by the petitioner are not included in the documents in this file