

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Petition of John Watkins VAS1796

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To the Hon. the Speaker & Gentleman of the House of Delegates – the petition of John Watkins does humbly Sheweth

That your petitioner was appointed Steward to the Continental Hospital in Williamsburg on the 20th of April 1778 by Dr. William Richman, director, and continued in that capacity till the 20th of October 1780, at which period considerable arrearages on account of pay &c became due to your petitioner for which he has never received any Compensation – Therefore he prays, your Hon. House may take his case into Consideration, and allow him the depreciation of his pay & subsistence for the service above mentioned and your petitioner shall pray &c

Watkins's Petition

June 11th 1784

Referred to Claims

June 16th 1784

Reasonable