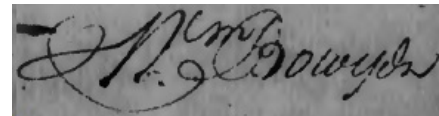


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Virginia document pertaining to William Bowyer VAS1811
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To The Honourable the House of Delegates of Virginia
The memorial of William Bowyer Humbly sheweth that your memorilist was (in June last) ordered to Take the command of a detachm't. of the Augusta militia & Join the Marquiss lefeatee [sic: Marquis de Lafayette] your memorelist did do so & continued with the army until that unluckey attack made on the enemy at James Town [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781], where your memorilist had the misfortune to be made a prisoner & is not yet exchanged. as our Laws does not clearly point out wether your mimorilist is intituled to the same advantages as Continental Officers under the same Circumstances he begs leave to lay this matter before your Honourable House & Hopes that you will Remove these doubts & distinctions with Citizens embark'd in the same cause & under the disagreeable circumstances. – there are some other matters your memorelist will beg leave to lay before your Honorable House. all the melitia ordered on duty at this Time was directed to come mounted on as good Horses as they could procure & to have them & every other Neccessary appraised. Two thirds of that command Randesvoused mounted on such Horses as I thought might perform the Tour of duty as it was but short – these who were mounted during their Tour had very sevear duty & frequently fell in with the enemy & many of their Horses Taken. your memorilist yesterday presented these accounts of Horses &c lost to your Auditors they Refused Auditting them persuant to an order of your Honourable House (as they inform'd me). But I would beg leave to inform this Honourable House that many of these poor men who lost their Horses are much distressed & from Sevvial Reasons. one only I will mention the disrepute of our circulating Currancey. they have it not in their power to Replace their loss – however I hope this Honourable House will Take these matters under their consideration & do & grant such Relief as they may think will do Justice to their memorilist & those who he has mentioned & he for himself & them shall as in duty bound &c &c

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. Bowyer". The ink is dark and the paper is aged and slightly yellowed.

December 8th 1781 referred to propositions
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