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Virginia document pertaining to William Bronan VAS1816
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To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Delegates

The humble Petition of William Bronan Sheweth That your Petitioner having been employed in the Public service from the commencement of the War till Peace was happily restored, and having exerted himself to the utmost of his power at all times and in such different places as his services were required having wrought in his bussiness as a Blacksmith under the direction of different Officers in the Artificers department but particularly at Petersburg and afterwards at Stanton [sic: Staunton] under Colo. [Gawen] Hamilton at which latter place your Petitioner while at his daily employment was suddenly siezed with a violent indisposition (occasioned by a draught of cold Water) from which he was made to suffer the most excruciating pain for a long time and was at last unhappily for himself terminated by his loosing entirely the use of his left side and which sudden and unforeseen misfortune has prevented him from following any employment since that time whereby he might be enable to gain his own subsistance

Your Petitioner from his having given a preference to the Public service – and in consequence of his engagements – being removed to different stations at different times as the Public interest or conveniency pointed out thereby loosing the benefit of being supported as a residerter by the Parish in which his misfortune originated has continued for a long time in a most deplorable situation. Unable to afford himself any kind of assistance and deprived of the general benefit of other Citizens – he remains an object of Pity to all the Compassionate and tender hearted from some of whom he hitherto received a precarious support tho often left by Cold and Hunger to experience the most extream Misery

With the humble hope that the Honorable the House of Delegates will take under their consideration his past services on the one hand and his peculiar distress on the other and that their humanity will induce them to afford such relief as to themselves will appear reasonable – Your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c

June 1st 1784 referred to Claims

June 8th 1784 Rejected