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Petition of Charles Rork [Rourk, Roark?] VAS1829

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[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Shenandoah County Legislative Papers

To the Hon. the Speaker and Gentleman of the house of Delegates the Petition of Charles Rork humbly Sheweth –

That your Petitioner has at all times been ready to obey the call of his country and render it every service in his power that during the late war with Great Britain he was generally in the field and that then, and since that period many persons who unfortunately received wounds in the service of their Country have experienced the aid of your Petitioner as a Surgeon and Physician when they could have obtained it nowhere else that your Petitioner hath received no compensation either from his personal Services or for the medicines necessarily administered to the wounded who came under his care & he therefore prays that your Hon. house will take his case into Consideration and make him such allowance as to you shall seem just and right & he as in duty bound will ever pray

[Reverse]

Rourks Petition
Nov^r 19th 1791
To Claims
rejected
1st X⁷ 94

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Bedford County Legislative Petitions

To the Honorable the Speaker and Gentleman of the House of Delegates – The Petition of Charles Roark Humbly sheweth that during the late war he went on expedition against the Indians as a soldier in Captain James Dixon's company – Your Petitioner sets forth that having paid some attention to the acquirement medical skill he took with him on the aforesaid expedition such medicines as are in common use and principally for his own benefit, but that while on the said expedition it was the request of the officers and soldiers that he should also attend to the duties of Physician and Surgeon being assured by the officers that he would be compensated by the public for his extraordinary trouble and expense. Under these impressions

your petitioner was induced to make use of his own medicines and attended strictly to the duties of his office which unfortunately for the soldiers proved a business truly arduous not only from common accidental diseases but from the wounds of a shocking specie common with men fighting savages.

Your Petitioner would not have delayed the application for some retribution [reimbursement] for his services this long, but for unforeseen accidents, the death of persons to whom his papers were entrusted, and the difficulty of getting them out of the hands of executors has prevented him hitherto. Wherefore your Petitioner prays that your Honorable house will take his case into consideration and grant him such relief as you may think reasonable & your petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray &c.

[Reverse]

Rourks Petition

to Claims

Novr. 12th 1795

Nov: 18th Voted reasonable

Report made out

Bill made out