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Virginia documents pertaining to Thomas Chiles VAS1856  
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To the Hon'ble the Speaker & Gent'n. of the House of Delegates.  
Thomas Chiles humbly sheweth.

That having in the course of the last Summer [1777] entered as a Voluntier in a Troop of Horse which marched from the County of Caroline to Wmsburg [sic: Williamsburg], & found his own Horse appraised at thirty five pounds, he was among others appointed to attend & guard John Goodrich the Elder to the County of Bottetourt [sic: Botetourt]; in the Course of which journey his horse was taken sick so that he was obliged to leave him at New London in the County of Bedford, where the Horse remained upon expences til the 12<sup>th</sup> of October before he could be removed, at which time your Pet'r. by a long & expensive journey with much difficulty got the Horse home & he has been reappraised to £12.

Your Pet'r. therefore humbly prays the Consideration of the House & that he may be paid £23. the damage his Horse has sustained in the public service & his expences in maintaining & getting him home amounting to £9.13.10. and he will pray &c

Bedford Sct.

Zach'a. Morman came before me and affirmed that Thomas Childs Brought a sorrel Horse to his house about the tenth of this Month. When the horse came to s'd Morman house he was much swelled from his Brisket to his Shearth [sheath?], and on his sides and seem'd much Disabled in his hind parts. in short he was in such bad order that it was a doubt whether he would live or die; and Continued much in the same condition very since

Given Under my hand this 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of Septemb'r. 1777 Wm. Callaway Jr.

Colo. Masons [David Mason's] Compliments to the gentlemen commissioners of Accounts of [two words undeciphered] That the Bearer Mr. Thomas Childs is a person who went upon command to conduct Goodrich & Townsend to Bottetourt Court House That a horse he owned was taken sick in Bedford County [the handwriting in the rest is too poor for reliable transcription, but it appears to be an appraisal of the horse.]

On Producing the Original Appraisement and delivering the Horses to the Quarter Master in Williamsburgh Mr. Chiles will be paid the Appraisment for the Horses

1777 Nov. 25 Ref'd to Claims/ reasonable/ All[owe]d £35 for the Horse & £9.13.10 to reimburse his Expences the Pet'r. to return both Horses

[The file includes an itemization of expenses.]