

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richmond Smith VAS1863

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To the Honorable the Speaker and Gentleman of the House of Delegates
The Petition of Richmond Smith humbly Sheweth that he was a volunteer in Capt. Watkins [perhaps Thomas Watkins] Corps of Dragoons from Prince Edward raised at the request of the Honorable Major General Green [Nathanael Greene] and after joining the Army was detached by Col. Washington [William Washington] on reconnoitering party, was taken Prisoner by the Enemy, with his horse, which horse being previously valued to 10.500 lbs of Tobacco your Petitioner prayeth that your Honorable House will make him such Satisfaction as in your wisdom shall seem right.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound shall pray &c

[Reverse]

Smith's Petition

November 22nd, 1781

Reported to Trade

December 19th, 1781

Referred to the next Session of Assembly

Rejected being allowed by the Court of Claims in Prince Edward County

Reported