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Virginia documents pertaining to William Charles VAS1887
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To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the General Assembly, the petition of John Charles, Heir at law of William Charles deceased

Humbly sheweth – that the deceased during the late War was a Soldier in a Volunteer Corps of Horse commanded by Captain John Hockaday [VAS1556], and raised by the special Command of the late General [Thomas] Nelson: that he was mounted on a Mare valued to the sum of three thousand pounds, and being on duty at Charles City Courthouse was, together with the said mare, taken prisoner on the night of the Surprize at that place [8 Jan 1781] – that neither the Decedent in his life time, nor your petitioner since his decease have rec'd a compensation for the said Mare. Your Petitioner therefore prays that the said mare may be now paid for agreeably to the scale of depreciation and the valuation before mentioned.

And as in duty bound He'll pray

John Charles

I do hearby Certify that William Charles a Soaldier in my Company of Militia Horse Was taken in January one thousand seven hundred & Eighty one the night the Supprise was at Charles City Court House his bay Mare was Aprais'd to three Thousand pounds by Edmund Baker and Daniel Taylor on Oath [undeciphered word] which was taken with him when on his poast My Company was Raisd by order of General Nelson and was then under his direction

given under my hand this 19 day of March 1783/ John Hockaday/ Capt of the Company

Octo 15th 1792 to Claims