

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Petition of Josiah Riddick VAS1900

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

To the Hon. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Delegates

The petition of Josiah Riddick of the County of Nansemond humbly Sheweth that your petitioner, when the invasion against [several words too faint to discern] of this state took place in May 1779) being one of a party who was ordered out to reconnoiter and having a horse impressed into the service, which fact a certificate from [several lines of text too faint to discern any words therein] since which time your petitioner has suffered a long and grievous captivity. Your petitioner has [several words too faint to discern] having lately effected an exchange and thinking himself entitled to the value of his horse, so lost in the service of his Country, applies to your honorable body, relying on your wisdom and justice hopes you will grant his request and your petitioner shall ever pray.

[Reverse]

Petition of Josiah Riddick

December 15th, 1780

Referred to Trade

December 18th, 1780

Allowed £2000 for the within

Horse and Accoutrements

[In an affidavit dated December 7, 1780, George Sparling, John Miles & Nicholas Jones valued the horse, saddle, bridle, holsters and pistols taken by the enemy from Josiah Riddick as being worth 5600 pounds.]

Nansemond County November 5th, 1780

This is to Certify that in the Invasion of May the 11th 1779 I legally Impressed into the Service of this State a Horse, Saddle, Bridle, Holsters & Pistols, the property of Josiah Riddick, which was taken by the Enemy. Certified by

S/ Willis Riddick, C. Lt. [Captain Lieutenant]

mem. County Nov. 5th 1780

This is to Certify
that on the Invasion of May the 11th
1779 Ilegally Impressed into the ser-
vice of this State a Horse Saddle Bridle
Holsters & Pistols, the property of Josiah
Riddick, which was taken by the
Enemy (Certified by Willie Riddick, S. Lt.)