

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Petition of John Byras (Byers?) VAS1933

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

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

The petition of John Byras humbly Sheweth that on the 19th of June last he marched a Company of militia from the County of Louisa [several words indecipherably faint] and first marched to Hillsborough in the State of North Carolina his horse, Saddle & [several words indecipherably faint] Thomas Wash Forage Master to General Stevens' Brigade & continued in the Service till the 16th of August the [indecipherable word] of the Defeat of General Gates [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] which horse &c was lost [several indecipherably faint words] by default of the Forage Master, your petitioner has caused to be appraised by persons well acquainted with the worth of the said Horse on [several indecipherable words] which proof he [one or more indecipherable words] ready to offer to the Hon. House & prays such allowance as this House thinks him justly entitled & he shall ever pray &c &c

[Reverse]

Petition of John Byars

December 15th 1780

referred to Trade

December 18th, 1780

Allowed

£1500 the value of the Horse within

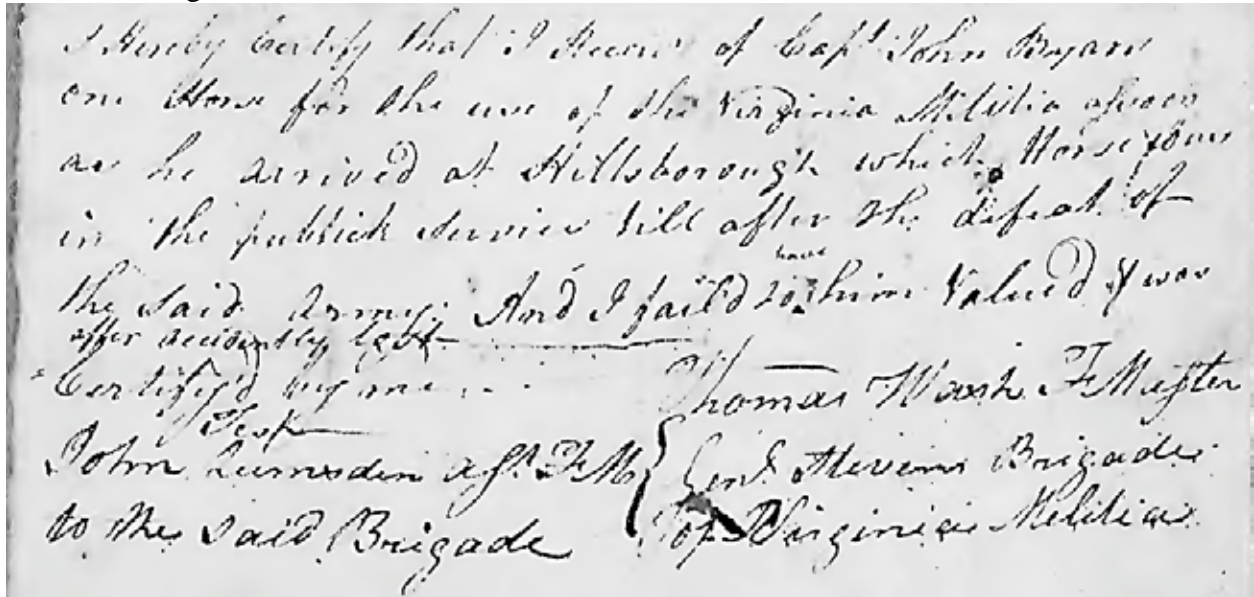
I do Certify that I Received of Capt. John Byars one Horse for the use of the Virginia Militia as soon as he arrived at Hillsborough which Horse was in the public Service till after the defeat of the said Army: And I failed to have him valued & was after accidentally lost.

Certified by me

S/ Thomas Wash, F Master
General Stevens Brigade
of Virginia militia

Test

S/ John Lumsden, ast. [assistant] F. M.
to the said Brigade



I hereby certify that 1 Horse of Capt John Bryans
now Horse for the use of the Virginia Militia given
as he arrived at Hillsborough which Horse was
in the publick service till after the defeat of
the said Army; And I failed to have Valued & was
after accidently left.
Certified by me
John Lumsden ast. F. M. }
to the said Brigade }
Thomas Wash. Master
of the Virginia Militia.

We William Mallory & John Hancock being first sworn have Valued the within Horse to fifteen
hundred pounds Current Money the above sworn to before me this 11th day of December 1780

S/ Waddy Thomson