

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Petition of Rawleigh Tapscott VAS1951

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To the Honourable the Speakers, and members of the General Assembly of
Virginia

Your Petitioner Rawleigh Tapscott humbly sheweth that on the 8th day of February 1781 he was appointed a deputy Commissary under John Brown Esq. Commissioner, and Commissary General for this State, that your petitioner continued in actual service under the above mentioned John Brown Esq. in his successor in office John Peirce Esq. [sic John Pierce] until the 14th of January 1782, during which time your petitioner furnished the Army with one hundred and forty-one head of Beef Cattle, a great part whereof were stall fed; your petitioner also delivered to the Army a Wagon and Team which was furnished by his County; – your petitioner was promised at the time of his appointment, four thousand pounds of Tobacco (or the Value thereof) per annum for his trouble, and also that he should have for his further trouble in stalling the Beaves [sic], what the County Court should judge reasonable.

Your petitioner further sheweth that on the 1st of June 1782 he was called on by Col. Thomas Jett for a Settlement of his Account that he accordingly furnished his Account and at the same time delivered the said Jett all his Vouchers, but took no Certificate, or any kind of receipt whatever for the same, that the said Jett is since dead, whereby, he is deprived of the means of obtaining his legal wages, that he has never received any compensation whatever; – he therefore submits his case to your Honourable body, trusting that they will make him, such allowance, as they in their wisdom shall think Just, and equity – and your Petitioner will ever pray &c

[Reverse]

Tapscott's Petition
November 16th, 1796
Claims
Rejected
Special
Report

The within claim does not appear to have been paid
Auditors Office 16 November Ninety Six S/ John Carter, Clk

The 1st mentioned Claim may still be paid by the Auditor on the Certificate of Mr. Pierce

approved by the Executive – the other Claim cannot be settled without the direction of the
Legislature – it does not appear to have been paid.

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S/ J Pendleton