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Virginia documents pertaining to Henry Mann VAS1982  
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The Humble Petition of Henry Mann Assistant Quarter Master General for the Garrison ad Post of  
Hampton Humbly Sheweth

That your petitioner was on the 23<sup>d</sup> day of Dec'r. 1777 by the Recommendation of Colo. William Finnie [pension application R14175] Quarter Master General of this State Appointed Quarter Master for the said Garrison; that Your Petitioner was Oblidj'd and did enter into Bond and Security for the sum of Two Thousand pounds for the Rendering just and true Acc'ts. of all the disbursm'ts of the said Garrison from time to time as Your Petitioner might be so called on by said Finnie, That your petitioner Continued at the said Garrison untill the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 1780 when Y'r. petitioner Received information from Colo. Finnie that the whole of the Staff Officers were discontinued, that all Claims against the Garrison should be settled and, that y'r petitioner should immediately Repair to Williams[bur]g in order to settle his General Acc'ts. to enable him to settle his publick Acc'ts. with the Auditors: that y'r. petitioner acted agreeable to his orders and did settle all his acc'ts. with Colo. Finnie for which Colo. Finnie Cansel'd y'r. petitioners Bond; that y'r. petitioner did apply to Colo. Finnie for pay and was inform'd that application sh'd. be made to the Auditors; That y'r. petitioner did apply to the Auditors, who informed your petitioner That there was no provission made for the staff Officers That they could not settle the Acc't. Y'r. petitioner has not Received any Compensation except about £14.-- Specie for his services and humbly prays the depreciation of his pay may be allowed him, in like manner as has been allowed to other Staff Officers.

And Your Petitioner will ever pray

December 10<sup>th</sup> 1785 Ref'd to Claims/ reported Specially

December 6<sup>th</sup> 1786 ref'd to Claims/ Dec'r 19<sup>th</sup> 1786 Reasonable/ Reported

To The Hon'ble. the Legislature of Virginia

The petition of Henry Mann Humbly Sheweth, That at the latter end of Nov'r. 1777 the small pox broake out in the Town and Garrison of Hampton that it was thought absolutely necessary to have the Troops in Garrison Inoculated in order to prevent their taken it in the natural way which might have proved very fatal, That ye purveyor of the Hospital belonging to the Garrison not having had the small pox Resigned in order to Retire into the Country with his family. That your petitioner being apply'd to by Doctor Walter McClurg (Doctor of s'd Hospital) to take the s'd purveyors trip during the Inoculation which your petitioner did (Expecting the former purveyor to Return to his Office as soon as ye Inoculation was over) That by orders from the director Gen'l y'r petitioner was Oblidj'd to enter into Bond with two able securities to Render just and true Acc'ts of all money he might Receive from time to time for the use of the s'd Hospital That y'r petitioner did continue in s'd Office during the Inoculation which began dec'r 1 1777 and the last detachment w'h. was Inoculated cleared out near the last of May following. (That as troops was scarce not having enough for duty on acc't. of having so many down under Inoculation at a time y'r petitioner could not be furnished with an Assistant from the troops That on application to the surgeon of the Hospital he thought it absolutely necessary to hire an Assistant during the Inoculation That y'r petitioner did hire such a necessary person for which y'r petitioner paid the s'd Assis't. on Dollar p day which y'r petitioner has Vouchers for the same out of his own pocket and has never charg'd the State with same, that as the former purveyor did not Return to s'd Office y'r petitioner continued in s'd Office untill the Hospitals where all Discontinued That y'r petitioner some time after received notice from the Soliciter General that I must come to Richmond and settle my

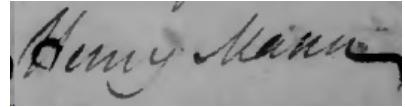
Hospital acc'ts. as he should move the next Gen'l. Court ag't. me by[?] on the 23<sup>d</sup> day of s'd Court for Judgment for the moneys w'h. y'r petitioner had Rec'd from time to time on Acc't of said Hospital That y'r petitioners agreeable notice did wait on the Auditors and settle all acc'ts belonging to said Hospital for which y'r petitioner Rec'd a Discharge for same That y'r petitioner apply'd for his pay &c for his s'd services That he was informed by the Auditors that they knew of no Regulations having been made Respecting the pay of a purveyor of Hospitals That y'r petitioner prays he may be allow'd the same pay and privilidges the same as a purveyor of the Continental Hospitals has been allowd Y'r petitioner likewise pray he may be Reimburs'd ye moneys advanced to pay off the said Assis't. which y'r petitioner has never yet Rec'd one shilling of And y'r petitioner shall ever pray  
Richmond Nov'r. 21 1788 Henry Mann

To the Honble the Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Delegates of Virginia

The petition of Henry Mann Humbly sheweth That during the late Revolutionary War between the King of Great Britain and the United States of America about the latter end of November 1777 the small pox broke out in Hampton a Garrison Town in the State, when there was a number of Troops stationed in it; the inhabitants of the Town, and likewise the commanding officers thought it most eligible that a General Inoculation should then take place, but the then purveyor or commissary of the Hospital who never had had the small pox resigned and quited Town with his Family upon which application was made to your petitioner by Colo. [George] Muter commanding Officer and Doct'r. Walter McClurg to take the office thus vacated – Which office your petitioner did accept, and accordingly entered into Bond and Security for the faithful performance of the Trust, thereby reposed in him, on the first day of December 1777, and continued therein until the discontinuation of the Staff Department of said Garrison, which took place on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 1780 – Shortly after which your petitioner went to Williamsburg and settled his Public account fully, with Thomas Russell, for all monies which came to his hands by Virtue of his said Office. In 1784 y'r petitioner received a notice from the Solicitor General that it was necessary for your petitioner to come to Richmond and settle the said account over again with the Auditors of Public Accounts, otherwise a motion would be made in the General Court, for such sums of Public money, as appeared to have been committed to the care and disbursement of your Petitioner; your petitioner accordingly attended, and did fully adjust and close the said account with the Auditors, and then demanded of them the pay, to which your petitioner conceived himself intitled, and received an answer from John Pendleton Esq'r. then one of that board, that he did not know what the pay was, or whether any arrangement as to that subject had been made: Your petitioner often renewed his application for pay, and as often experienced a repetition of the same difficulty on the part of the board of Auditors. At length however the answer was that the time allowed by Law for the Adjustment of those claims had elapsed – and that your petitioner ought to have preferd his claim to the commissioner for settling the army accounts, and that there was no redress, but by petitioning your Hon'ble House – accordingly yr Petitioner at the then ensuing General Assembly presented his petition stating the afores'd. matter, and which was received & committed to a committee to examine and Report upon the merits of his claim – Your petitioner attended day after day until the latter end of the Session, for the purpose of establishing his claim, but unfortunately for him, never could prevail on the said committee to take up the same – for the truth of which y'r. petitioner begs leave to refer to Thomas Matthews Esq'r who was then Speaker of this House, and whose exertions were used in behalf of your petitioner to procure the necessary enquirey – That being thus unfortunate, and equally ignorant of the modes or forms of redress in such cases, your petitioner was advised by counsel, that the High Court of Chancery was competant to the relief sought. A Suit was there instituted, but the opinion of the Judge of that court was, that it had not Jurisdiction of the case; and thus after the inconvenience to which your petitioner hath been subject, and the expenditure of a considerable sum of money, your petitioner is left without that reward for his services, which his Country contemplated as just and necessary.

Your petitioner therefore prays that the Legislature may be pleased to take into consideration his case, and grant him such relief as this Hon'ble House shall deem just and right, and y'r petitioner as in

duty bound shall ever pray &c

A small, rectangular image showing a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature appears to read "Henry Mann" and is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

December 18, 1797 Claims