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Virginia documents pertaining to Robert Parker VAS1993  
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To the Honourable Members of the General Assembly of Virginia.

Your Petitioner, Robert Parker of the County of Essex, begs leave humbly to represent to The Legislature of his native State, that, in the year 1776 he was enrolled in the second Regiment of the State of Virginia and continued to serve faithfully his much beloved Country until near the close of the Revolutionary war, which gave birth to the Liberty and happiness of the American People; that during the greater part of that stormy and severe conflict he as found in the Tented Field as engaged heart and hand with the worthies of that awful crisis, several undeciphered words cruel foe; strenuously endeavouring to maintain at all hazards, that Independence which hath finally made the American people free and happy, and presented to the admiration and wonder of the world, the [undeciphered word] spectacle of a government founded exclusively upon the will of the People Your Petitioner begs leave further to represent that shortly after he had enlisted in the Regiment above mentioned, that body was turned over as an auxiliary force to the Continental Army in consequence of which your Petitioner was present and used his best exertions in the Battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778]; – he was also engaged in taking the Fort of Powler’s hook [sic: Paulus Hook, 19 Aug 1779] and endured during the greater portion of the Revolutionary conflict those privations which were well calculated to “try men’s souls.”

Your Petitioner is now in the sixty eighth year of his age. He is not only far advanced in life, but about seven months ago accidentally fell from his horse, and thereby dislocated his left hip and fractured the thigh bone in consequence of which misfortune, he has become entirely helpless and dependent Your Petitioner would never have called on the gratitude or liberality of his Country for a pension or any pecuniary assistance had he not been reduced to extreme want by accident and severe indisposition. His advanced age combined with infirmity immediately proceeding from the Injury above stated, renders him totally incapable of procuring the ordinary comforts of human life.

Your Petitioner made application in legal form to the War department of the United States, for the purpose of obtaining some provision under the act of Congress but his claim was disallowed, not being recognized as a soldier of the Continental Army.

Your Petitioner, not being acknowledged as a soldier of the Continental Establishment, although he served in the Army to the North, will nevertheless be received as a Soldier of the State Line, when your Honourable Body shall have examined the Documents hereto annexed.

As Thos who faithfully rallied around the Standard of American Liberty have never been turned away in despair, whenever, as proper objects of Bounty, they may have called for aid in the hem of distress and indijence; As the enlightened liberal and magnanimous Legislature of Virginia, has at all times, been willing & Ready to give relief to any distressed soldier of the American Revolution, and as your Petitioner is at this time, and will be during the remainder of his life, deprived even of the Power of Locomotion, he feels confident that your Honourable Body will extend to him the hand of relief.

The Spirit of [undeciphered word] Patriotism which conducted the American People through the arduous struggle of the Revolution, still animates the bosoms of the magnanimous and the brave, and in the home of the hour of [undeciphered word] and repose will display itself in acts of noble generosity. Believing that the same spirit still actuates the enlightened Legislature of Virginia your Petitioner humbly solicits the passage of a Law for his relief. and as in duty bound he will every pray &c

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