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Petition of Peter H Ware VAS2003

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

To the Honorable the Speaker and members of the House of Representatives of Virginia

The humble Memorial of Peter H Ware of the County of Fluvanna respectfully Sheweth –

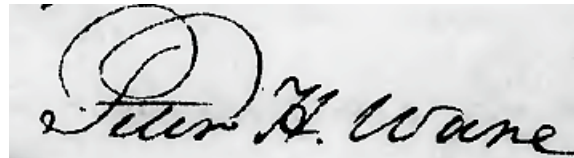
That your memorialist early in May 1781 during the invasion of the Country by the British Army, he was sent as an express from the Point of Fork with letters from the General Baron Steuben to the City of Richmond, the object of this express was to obtain information of the movements of the enemy so that various [?] measures might be taken to secure the Public Stores at and near the Point of Fork.

That your petitioner did accordingly perform the service required of him upon his own horse and at his own expenses under a Considerable risque [risk], had he been captured by the enemy upon such an expedition – however he was fortunate in returning safe and to the satisfaction of those who sent him –

That your memorialist hath received no Compensation for his services in performing this hazardous expedition upon his horse & his own expenses. And he prays, that he may be allowed such compensation as this Honorable House shall think him entitled to and as in duty bound he prays &c

City of Richmond
18 December 1809

S/ Peter H Ware

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter H. Ware". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Attested December 18, 1809 in Henrico County Virginia]

I do Certify that sometime early in the month of May 1781 when Baron Steuben was at the Point of Fork Commander in Chief of a division of the Army who had taken post at that place – he was destitute of Cavalry and greatly embarrassed to obtain intelligence of the enemy's movements. The General applied to me as being well acquainted with the people to select such as I thought trustworthy & who could furnish good horses, to attend & receive his instructions and proceed to different Points on the enemy's lines & return with intelligence of their movements. I accordingly selected the most trusty characters for this purpose. I recollect

Colonel John Cobbs was sent towards Charlottesville & Louisa Court house to observe the movements of a division of the enemy that were marching in that direction & to bring prompt intelligence – The General was extremely anxious to know what was the enemy's force & movements at and in the vicinity of Richmond and recommended to me to select a young active intelligent man of known integrity – I met with Mr. Peter H Ware who I thought answered the General's description and I dispatched him with the General's instructions – tis a Justice to Mr. Ware's patriotism that he without hesitation mounted his horse & proceeded immediately to execute his orders – & returned safe & his communications & intelligence was very satisfactory to the General – As to Compensation for his Services & expenses, I have [paper damaged and several words obliterated] reason to believe he has received nothing, because he never applied to me until last June and I concur without a certificate from me he could not have received payment immediately on his return, he went into the militia & served I believe 3 months tour of duty and I presume the subject was thus neglected.

Richmond

18th December 1809

S/ David Ross

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Ross". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent flourish at the end of the name.

The distance from Mr. Peter H Ware's house to Richmond is estimated at 70 miles & I [indecipherable word] in that distance fully.

70 miles down

S/ David Ross

70 miles returning home
and waiting on the General

[Reverse]

Ware's Petition

December 19th 1809

Rejected