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Virginia documents pertaining to John Woodson VAS2040  
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To the Hon'ble the Speaker and House of Delegates  
The Petition of John Woodson humbly sheweth

That in the year 1779 your Petitioner acted as a Colonel of Militia in the County of Goochland under the command of Thomas Mann Randolph gentleman County Lieutenant, of whom your Petitioner received a large sum of paper money with orders to enlist two Companies of Militia to act as Guards to the Convention Troops [Burgoyne's Army surrendered at Saratoga 17 Oct 1777] then stationed at the Barracks in Albemarle; Mr. Randolph being at that time too unwell to do duty as an Officer. That the said Companies were actually raised and marched to the place of their destination agreeable to the Act of Assembly; and altho' your Petitioner took receipts for the bounty money paid to those men at the time of enlistment, he has since been deprived of them by the British Troops when at his House [probably in April 1781], whereby he is unable to settle his Accounts for the expenditure of the money, and a Judgment has been obtained against him in the General Court for £90 Specie & Costs, and Execution sued out for the same.

Your Petitioner therefore prays the Honble House to grant him such relief as to the shall seem just & right

Dec'r 6<sup>th</sup> 1786 ref'd to Claims/ Reasonable where Voucher produced settle[?] on Oath, where lost

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To The Honourable The Speaker, and Members of the House of Delegates now met in Gen'l. Assembly.

The petition of the Field Officers and others of Goochland County humbly sheweth,

That a party of the Militia of said County informs your petitioners that after the late rout in South Carolina [Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780], being naked and moneyless, they apply'd to their Officers for leave to come in and procure Clothes, although such permission was not obtain'd, yet it appears by depositions herewith [not found], to have been Conniv'd at by some of said Officers, in Consequence whereof they came in, and were expeditiously on their return, till meeting several Soldiers from Head Quarters, were told they would not be reciev'd, but were deem'd Continental Sold'rs for Eight Months, they then deliver'd themselves up to the County Lieut, and apply'd by petition to his Excellency the Governor & the Council, praying relief from the additional Service, to which petition (herewith) [not found] we beg leave to refer your Honourable House, not doubting but you will order therein as shall appear just and reasonable; And your petitioners shall ever pray &ca

John Woodson  
Jno. Hopkins [VAS2041]  
Jolley Parrish [VAS2042]  
John Curd [VAS2043]

Nov'r 7<sup>th</sup> 1780 ref'd to propositions/ rej[ecte]d

NOTE: J. T. McAllister in *Virginia Militia in the Revolutionary War* provides the following information about the petitioners:

John Woodson, gentleman, sworn as County Lieutenant 27 Sep 1779, resigned 20 Aug 1781.

John Hopkins, gentleman, sworn as Colonel 17 May 1780, resigned 20 Aug 1781.

Jolley Parrish, gentleman, sworn as Colonel 17 May 1780.  
John Curd, Jr. sworn as Major 17 May 1780.