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Virginia documents pertaining to John Lee VAS2050  
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To the Hon'ble the Speaker and House of Delegates

The Petition of John Lee humbly sheweth

That in the year 1775 he improved certain Lands in the Western frontier of this State, which intituled him to the pre-emption of one thousand acres. That being an Officer in the State Line and upon duty in the defence of his Country at the time of establishing the Land Office and also during the sitting of the Commissioners appointed to examine into the Claims to Lands upon settlement & pre-emption rights, he was thereby prevented from laying his Claim before them. That your Petitioner left the Southern Army in the fall of the year 1781 and upon enquiry finds that a pre-emption right had been proved in his name and a Warrant obtained & located, but by whom he knows not, nor was it done by his desire. That the Warrant was laid on a nother person's improvement with intention of depriving your Petitioner, as he conceives, of his just right. That your Petitioner hath obtained from the County Court of Fayette a Certificate of his title to the pre-emption of one thousand acres of Land in manner directed by Law, and hath applied to the Register of the Land Office for a Warrant to survey the same, which he refused to grant as being contrary to Act of Assembly. Your Petitioner therefore prays the House to take his case under consideration and do therein as to them shall be thought just & right.

May 26<sup>th</sup> 1784 Ref'd to Prop[ositions]/ reasonable/ rep[orte]d