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Virginia documents pertaining to John Morton VAS2052  
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To the Hon'ble the Speaker & Gent'n. of the House of Delegates

The Petition of John Morton humbly representeth That your Petitioner was captur'd by the Indians at the battle of the Blue Licks [8 Feb 1778] whilst a Soldier under Capt Daniel Boon [sic: Daniel Boone], was taken by them to their Towns, from there to Detroit where he remain'd some time & from thence was carried to Canady [sic: Canada] where he was confin'd in close Goal for upwards of Two years. That previous to your Petitioner's Captivity he had acquir'd a right of Preemption in the County of Fayette & that shortly after his releasment, went out to the Western Country laid his claim before the County Court of Fayette & obtain'd a Preemption Certificate for One thousand Acres of Land which Cert'e. is hereunto annexed [not found] And that upon application for a Preemption Warrant is inform'd that your Hon'ble House did at their last Session of Assembly pass a Resolution forbiding the issuing any Treasury Land Warrants untill the further order of the Gen'l. Assembly, Which has deprived your Petitioner of the Benefit of his Location.

Your Petitioner therefore prays that your hon'ble House will take his Case under Consideration & grant him such relief as you in your Wisdom shall think just. And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c.

May 26<sup>th</sup> 1784 Ref'd to Prop[osition]s/ moved to be discharged

June 10<sup>th</sup> 1784 Propositions discharged & referred to a Committee of the whole on Slate of the Comm Wealth.