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Virginia documents pertaining to James Cottman VAS553

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To the Honourable Speaker, & House of Delegates in Virginia/ the Petition of James Cotman
Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner was Drafted from the Militia of New Kent County, to serve as a Soldier in the Continental Army eighteen months, which service he faithfully preformed til near the end of the term being seized with violent sickness, which continued several months after the Time was expired, whereby he became almost blind, & so remains, as well as sickly; and altho' much pains & expence have been bestowed in hopes of being relieved, at least so far as that your petitioner might be capable of working for a Subsistance; but now finding these infirmities either to increase, & not having any property of his own he is therefore constrained thus to lay his suffering case before your Honourable house, humbly praying such relief as to you in your wisdom may seem meet; & your petitioner (as in duty bound) shall ever pray
November 3rd 1787.

November 6th 1787 Referred to Claims/

[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#).]

Saturday the 10th of November 1787.

Resolved that the petition of James Cotman setting forth that during the late War he was drafted from the Militia of New Kent County to serve in the Continental Army for the term of eighteen months. That he was accordingly marched to the Southward where he Continued in service until he contracted a disorder which has deprived him of his eye-sight and puts it out of his power to labor for a subsistance. That being possessed of no property he is in the most distressed situation, and praying relief is reasonable. And that the petitioner for his present relief be allowed the sum of Twelve pounds to be paid to him out of the Contingent fund or any unappropriated money in the hands of the Treasury; and also that the Executive do cause him to be put on the pension list.

1787 November 13th

Agreed to by the Senate/ H Brooke C S

Teste/ John Beckley Clk. H. D.

A Copy J Beckley C. h. d.

Receiv'd Jan'y 29th 1790 of Steth Hardyman High Sheriff the within order for James Cottman

Test/ Peter Eppes

William Ladd