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Virginia document pertaining to Christian Holmer VAS584

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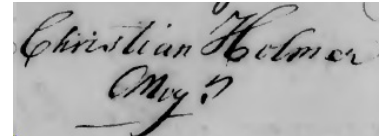
[From [Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection](#)/Miscellaneous Chronological Legislative Petitions, mislabeled "Holmes, Christian."]

[15 Dec 1781]

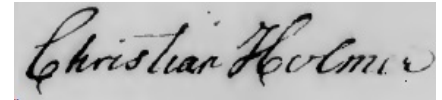
To the hon'ble the Speaker of the House of Delegates of Virginia, the Memorial of Major Christian Holmer of the first Regiment of Artillery setting forth that their Memorialist in good health and fit for the discharge of the duties of his Office, by appointment of the hon'ble Committee of Safety entered as a Lieutenant into a Corps of Artillery raised in the State, agreeably to a recommendation of Congress in Continental Service, which Corps was afterwards incorporated with the aforesaid Regiment; that the Officers of the said Corps were appointed to the Regiment in rotation as they stood with respect to each other before, by which means the Majority was conferred on your Memorialist. As long as he was capable of doing duty as such, he faithfully attended to the services of the field, and was upon all occasions ready to do whatever the exigencies of affairs or the welfare of his Country required. The little fortune which his industry had enable him to acquire is gone, and his health so much impaired by an accident which happened to him in '79, as to preclude him forever from the several duties which the nature of his Office requires.

Your memorialist therefore begs that the Assembly of Virginia would take under their serious consideration his unhappy and unfortunate situation, and by allowing him a comfortable maintenance for life enable him to give way in the Regiment to some Person whose power may be better calculated to do justice to the Commission than his own. This your memorialist is induced to ask from principles of gratitude to those who every Day risque their lives for the honor, safety, and independence of this Country.

With sentiments of the highest respect and esteem your memorialist begs leave to subscribe himself  
Your most obedient & most h'ble servant

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christian Holmer" with "Maj?" written below it.

Your Memorialist begs leave to request that such bounties of Land and other emoluments intended for the benefit of Officers should still be retained for him, as he quits the service not through inclination, but misfortune.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christian Holmer".

[From [bounty-warrant records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I certify that Christian Holmer was appointed Major to Colo Charles Harrison's Reg't. of Artillery on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of Nov'r 1776 and continued as such till he died which was sometime last summer  
Richmond 12 Dec'r 1783/ Ed. Carrington [Edward Carrington]/ Lt Colo.