

until the capitulation of Cornwallis at York in 1781 [October 19, 1781] – at which time he was on duty within a few miles of Gloucester Town. Your Petitioner further represents that, he has never received any depreciation pay, except a small sum of about thirty-three pounds, or any commutation pay to which he believes he is entitled; nor any other compensation for his services than the depreciated paper money. That he is now in his 70th year of age, is very poor and has a wife and an afflicted daughter to support which compels him to call upon his country for what is justly due him.

Your petitioner therefore prays that the Legislature will allow him his depreciation of pay for the time he served as cadet in the 7th Regiment from February 1776 to November 1776, some eight months; also the depreciation of pay as Ensign from November 1776 to October 1777, say eleven months; also depreciation of pay for the time he served as Lieutenant, from 1st January 1778 to the 19th of October 1781, one half of which time he believes he was in actual service and for which only he claims the depreciation of his pay, say one year and ten months (deducting from the amount of these claims for some aforesaid of about thirty-three pounds already received). Also your petitioner asks that commutation of five years full pay in lieu of half pay for life may be allowed him: and as in duty bound he will ever pray &c

S/ Henry Hughes



[Attested in Gloucester County December 15, 1825 by Thomas Smith, JP]

[Reverse]

The petition of Henry Hughes an officer of the revolution praying to be allowed depreciation & commutation for services during the revolutionary war

December 24th

Referred to Claims

Richard Gellorey

1825

December 27 laid on table

1826

January 2 Rejected

3 Reported

We have long been acquainted with Henry Hughes and from our knowledge of his Character and standing believe he would swear to nothing but the truth; and would not ask of the Legislature anything that he believed he was not entitled to. Given under our hands this 10th day of August 1825.

S/ Richard G Morriss

S/ George F. Scott

S/ Th: Whiting

S/ Rob: Thurston

S/ W. G. Wiatt

S/ John Stevens

S/ W Taliaferro

S/ Wm Robins

S/ [indecipherable] Dabney
S/ Richard Jones
S/ [written over and indecipherable]
S/ Thomas [indecipherable]
S/ William Jones
S/ Thomas Camory
S/ C. T. Jones
S/ [indecipherable] Rage
S/ Gatesby Jones
S/ James Baytop
S/ T. B. Booth
S/ Chs [indecipherable]
S/ Mat. W. Kemp

I certify that I was on duty during the revolutionary war with Henry Hughes and saw him acting as an officer the grade not known but I am certain as a commissioned officer and believe in the year 1781. I also certify that he went on to the North as a cadet in the year 1776 or 1777 and remained a considerable length of time (between one and two years) and as I have always understood he resigned in consequence of his ill state of health. I saw him about four months after his return and his then appearance was bad health and confirms me in the opinion that ill health was the cause of his resignation.

S/ Thos. Hughes [Thomas Hughes]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thos. Hughes".

[Attested in Richmond City December 13, 1825]

Auditors Office December 24 1825

It appears by a Register in this office that John Hughes an Ensign on Continental establishment received on the 8th of August 1783 a Certificate for his depreciation amounting to £33.10.0 – which Certificate was delivered to Captain John Hughes.

S/ Jas. E. Heath, Auditor