I do with the Advice of the Council hereby certify that Mary Windham widow of Benjamin Windham, who was a Private in Dabney's Legion and died in Service of the Commonwealth is entitled to the sum of Ten Pounds yearly; which allowance is to commence from the first January 1788.

Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia at Richmond this 21st day of April 1788

S/ T Meriwether

S/ Edm. Randolph
Mary the widow of Benjamin Windham, late of the County of Southampton, was left by her husband in very indigent circumstances having six small children at his death. Four of these have been bound out by the overseers of the p.? two small female children will remain with her. The personal [??] of Windham was sold. The father of the deceased, Benjamin Windham, suffered him to occupy? a small piece of land but since his death has deprived the widow? of the possession of those land by which she is rendered very much? distressed.

I am well acquainted with the above? facts & hereby Certify that the same are true as above stated.

RKello [??] April 1788

[Note: The balance of the papers in this file reflect the annual authorization, appropriation, disbursement and receipt of the pension paid to the widow through 1815. Also Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck, Revolutionary War Pensions Awarded by State Governments 1775-1874, the General and Federal Governments Prior to 1814, and by Private Acts of Congress to 1905, Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2011, p 884 contains a note that the veteran died "at Plymouth." ]