To the honorable the Speaker and Gentlemen of the house of Delegates

The Petition of Mary Ohara [Mary O'Hara?] Humbly sheweth that she is the unhappy Widow of Daniel Ohara a soldier who was killed at the defeat of Col. Buford [Abraham Buford] in the late action [Battle of the Waxhaws, May 29, 1780] with the enemy to the southward in which engagement was also killed two of her sons, that by them and her husband she when old & infirm, with two small children were [to be] supported & maintained, that She was at that time & still is far from home in a helpless and destitute situation without money & of our friends, that should she be enabled to go home, she then has no probable source of sustaining with any sustainable [...] degree of comfort, her husband leaving nothing at his death to support her on, he having devoted together with her two sons several of those last years in the service of their country in the Army. Under these very unhappy circumstances your petitioner is increasingly alarmed at the future prospect of support for herself & her two helpless children and she has no prospect before her eyes but the dreadful [one or more words too faint to discern] of begging a living without the interposition of your honorable house. She therefore humbly begs that you will be pleased to take her case under consideration & in your wisdom, goodness, mercy be pleased to grant her such temporary or other relief as you shall think necessary & fit. And Your Petitioner in duty bound shall ever pray &c.

Mary Ohara's petition
December 2nd, 1780
referred to Trade
December 6th, 1780
Reasonable
Allowed £150 for present relief