To the Honourable the Assembly of Virginia

The Petition of W Mitchell of the Town of York humbly Sheweth:

That Capt. John Shield of the 2nd State Regiment in Continental service in the Action of ___ day of December 1778 at White Marsh [December 5-8, 1777], received a wound in his thigh, under which he languished some months in Camp, & then by leave of the Commander in Chief was conveyed to this town for the advantage of the immediate care of his Relations & friends.

That he continued lingering under the said wound from 1st of August 1778 till 16th of January 1779 under the care of Dr. Matthew Pope, and then died, leaving no estate of any kind whatever to repay the expenses of his illness. That your Petitioner his nearest Friend had engaged with Dr. Pope for the Payment of his Account, and has since actually paid the same to the amount of Four hundred and ninety-four Pounds on said Account and receipt annexed,¹ and can have no relief but from the wisdom & goodness of the Hon. the General Assembly of the State, & prays such as shall seem to them proper & just. And shall ever pray &c

[no indication of signature on this petition]

Petition of William Mitchell

May 16, 1780
Referred to Trade

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Reasonable allowed £494 10

¹ no such documentation was included in this file