To the hon'ble the General Assembly of Virginia

The petition of Miles Bott of the County of Amelia humbly sheweth,
That your petitioner on the requisition of General Lawsa [evidently Robert Lawson] in the year 1781, sent a son (under the Command of Captain Charles Irby [Amelia County Militia] to join the southern Army under General [Nathanael] Greene & mounted him on a horse which was valued to six thousand pounds weight of Tobacco; in the course of service the horse was lost, & your petitioner has never been able to obtain any compensation therefor, from his want of information, & from his ignorance of the mode of proceeding necessary to be observed. Your petitioner is now told that he has no other means of procuring payment for his property thus lost in public service, but this your hon'ble house; he therefore prays that you would take his case into consideration, & direct that payment should be made for his horse, or grant him such redress as you may think reasonable, & he shall ever pray, &c.

12 Nov'r. 1791 Ref'd to Claims