To the Hon. Speaker and members of the House of Representatives of Virginia.

The petition of William Cooper of Russell County and State of Virginia humbly sheweth that your petitioner was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, now is in his 78th year of age, and very feeble and sickly in body and destitute of all the means of comfort and necessaries of life save what are contributed by the hands of one or two charitable individuals. Your petitioner was engaged in a skirmish at Bunker's Hill [Bunker Hill, June 17, 1775] and there by his own activity and encourage took a prisoner of the enemy and delivered him to General Washington, he was also engaged in the Battle of Long Island [August 27, 1776] under the Command of Col. Hand [?]1, on account of sickness he was thence discharged & enlisted a substitute; after his recovery your petitioner was enrolled in the militia under the command of General Putnam [Israel Putnam?] and acted as Sergeant-Major; he was under the command of General Porter [?]2 at the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and acted as Adjutant in a skirmish near Philadelphia and at the Battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777] he was also engaged. Your petitioner had formerly some property which he gave to his sons on condition they would support him during his life, they by misfortune and bad management became insolvent, so that they were unable in any endeavor to contribute the comforts or even the necessaries of life to your petitioner, who is as destitute as possible to be, and has been so for a year or more and is indebted for his subsistence for that length of time to the charity of one or 2 individuals as above stated; the prayer therefore of your petitioner is that he may be placed on the Pension List and he as in duty bound will ever pray &c

S/ William Cooper

Griffith Dickenson     H Smith
Samuel Luce           Henry D [could be P] Smith
S. S. Sand [?]
William Gibson
James Hall
[signature too faint to discern]
ditto

Henry Campbell
[signature too faint to discern]
William Herton
Vincent S Hurt
Ezekiel Burdine
John Wilson
E. D. Kernan
Daniel Hartson
G? Kindrick
Thomas Dickenson
William Garrett
Charles Carrell
Jackson Buckley
James Dixon
George healienlin
Joseph Gibson
Andrew Davison
A. Alderson
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