To the General Assembly of Virginia

Your petitioner John Patteson of the County of Buckingham Humbly representeth, that as a soldier of the revolution he performed a tour of duty in the South That he marched from Buckingham County under Capt William Cannon, That he was in the battle at Guilford Courthouse North Carolina on the 15th March 1781. That Capt Cannon resigned a few days before the battle. That he was then put under a Capt Allen who he thinks was from the County of Prince Edward. That he belonged to the Regiment Commanded by Col John Holcomb [sic: John Holcombe]. That he thinks St. George Tucker, Beverley Randolph [sic: Beverley Randolph] and Maj’r. [Henry] Skipwith was in the battle That some time after the battle your petitioner with 25 other soldiers, with ensign John Thompson Swan was sent into the Country to procure meal and that they were detained so long, that upon their return with a quantity of corn meal, General Lawsons [Robert Lawson’s] brigade of Virginia Militia had all been discharged and gone home. We applied to Genl Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] and he gave the Ensign a discharge with directions to discharge his party of soldiers. All of which marched about 40 miles the next day and your petitioner being sick was unable to travel and lay in an obscure House for some days until he was able to travel. That Capt Allen as your petitioner heard and believes made out a pay roll for those that were present at the time of the discharge, who received their pay. The Tour was for 3 months at eight dollars per month making $24. That your petitioner has never received no part of his pay for said Tour. That he has heretofore forborne to present his claim to the General Assembly. That he is now advanced in life and that whilst the sum is a mere pittance to the State it will nevertheless be of service to him. He therefore prays your honorably body to pass an act to pay him the sum of $24 with it interest which he considers himself justly entitled to for services rendered his country in time of trial and need. All of which is respectfully submitted

[30 Dec 1844]

Jany 9th 1845 ref’d to Claims
Jany 31st 1845 Bill reported