To the honorable Speaker and members of the General Assembly.
The petition of James Rives and Edmund Eppes administrators of William Eppes deceased, humbly Sheweth

That the said William Eppes in the month of July in the year 1776, took up arms in defense of his country and enlisted as a soldier of the 1st Regiment of Light dragoons under the command of Col. Theodoric Bland [Theodorick Bland]; in which he remained during the whole time for which he stipulated to serve, performing all the functions and under going all the fatigues and perils which the gallant defenders of American liberty were compelled at that period to endure. And in the month of December 1778 the said William Eppes's period of service having expired, he was regularly discharged by the said Theodoric Bland.

Your petitioners further state that the pay which the said William Eppes received for his services, being in depreciated paper money, was very inadequate to the Services which he rendered his country in the field, and that during the period of his remaining life he never received that compensation for its depreciation which the justice of his country hath induced them to bestow on his fellow Soldiers, nor have your petitioners since his death received the same.

Your petitioners therefore pray that as the administrators of the said William Eppes, they may be allowed such compensation for the depreciation of the pay to which he was entitled but which he never enjoyed, as to the Assembly shall seem just, and your petitioners as in duty bound will pray &c

[Reverse]

Eppes's Administrators Petition
November 14, 1795
Claims
November 18th voted reasonable
Report made out
I do hereby certify at the request of William Eppes of Prince George County who informs me that his discharge was taken from him by the British when they invaded this State, that the said William Eppes was enlisted by me in the first Regiment of Light Dragoons in the month of July 1776, that he served faithfully the full term for which he was enlisted and was to the best of my knowledge and belief regularly discharged at the time that his said term of enlistment expired at Winchester in the State of Virginia in the month of December 1778, the said Regiment being at that time under my Command. Given at Cawsons this 17th day of February 1784

S/ Theo. Bland g?