To the Honorable the Speaker and Gentleman of the House of Delegates
The Petition of Samuel Venable Humbly Sheweth, that he was a Cornet in a Volunteer Corps of Dragoons from Prince Edward commanded by Capt. Watkins [probably Thomas Watkins] raised by the request of the Honorable Major General Green [Nathanael Greene] and after joining the Army was detached by Col. Washington [William Washington] on a reconnoitering party and was taken Prisoner by the Enemy – with his horse which horse was previously valued to 18,000 lbs of Tobacco. Your Petitioner prayeth that your Honorable House will make him such Satisfaction as in your wisdom shall seem right and your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c

[Reverse]

Venable's Petition
November 22nd, 1781
Referred to Trade
December 19th, 1781
Referred to the next session of Assembly
Rejected being allowed by the Court of Claims in Prince Edward County
Reported