To the Honourable the Speaker and Gentleman of the house of Delegates –

The petition of Margaret Douglass humbly Sheweth that though your petitioner is a poor woman she was very willing for her Son George Douglass should list [enlisted] as a soldier to fight in the defense of his Country which he Accordingly did, But sometime in September 1776 I heard that he lay violently sick in Williamsburg, which kept me Perpetually uneasy till I came down to see him where I found him quite helpless, I then got leave of his Officers to bring him home with me which I accordingly did at my Expense to the upper end of Orange County, and he lay sick there till about the middle of February following, when he returned to his duty as a Soldier, and he not being able to make me any Satisfaction for the trouble and Expense I had been at with him – I and my Child John [John Douglass] caught the sickness from him, which had like to have cost us our lives, which indeed is too much for me to bear as my own labor is the only dependence I have for a maintenance.

Your petitioner therefore desires that you would take her case under your Consideration, and Grant her such relief as in your wisdom shall Think Reasonable and she as in duty bound will Pray &c

S/ Margaret Douglass

[Reverse]

Margaret Doughlass [sic] Petition November 3, 1777
Referred to Claims Reasonable £6.7.6
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£8.7.6 All'd [allowed]
Reported November 11th

Allowed 10 per Day for Ration from 15 September 215 February also £2-----for her Expense in conveying her From Williamsburg to Her Home and Her Trouble in Nursing him