To the Hon. the Speaker & Members of the House of Delegates of the State of Virginia

The petition of Elinor Crittenden of New Kent County hereby Sheweth:
That her late husband Christopher Crittenden enlisted as a private soldier with Joseph Selden a Lieutenant in the First State Regiment early in the late war between America & Great Britain:
That said Christopher continued as a soldier in the service of this Country until sometime about the year 1778 when he died in said service whilst the United States Army lay at White Plains.
That your petitioner is very poor & has two children to maintain & either she is the [word too faint to discern] as well entitled to the pay & depreciation [several words too faint to discern] other persons who have received pay & depreciation in like circumstances yet she has never received it whereas your petitioner hopes that [several words too faint to discern] late to afford [several words too faint to discern] can take effect she humbly prays that this House will [word too faint to discern] her petition into consideration & grant her such pay & depreciation as her case may entitle her to & that she may be allowed a pension of so much as this House shall think just & reasonable, & your petitioner shall ever pray &c

S/ Elinor Crittenden

This Claim has not been paid by the State

S/ J Pendleton

Auditor's Office
13 October 92

[Reverse]

Elinor Crittenden's Petition
13 October's 1792
[Referred] to Claims
Reasonable
£12 an [per annum]
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I do hereby certify about the winter of 1777 or 1778 as well as I recollect, I enlisted a soldier by the name of Christopher Critenton [sic] from New Kent County & that I believe the said Critenton died in the Army in winter quarters at Valley Forge

S/Joseph Selden Lieut. 1st State Regiment

Nov. 22th 1792