To The Honble the Speaker, and Members of the General Assembly of Virginia

The Petition of Hezekiah Turpin of Charlotte County Humbly Sheweth – That your Petitioner some time in the year 1787 became the purchaser (for a valuable consideration) of the pay and depreciation due from the State of Virginia to Patrick McMahon a Soldier in the 10th Virginia Regiment for three years; who hath faithfully served the full space and term of his Enlistment, agreeable to a discharge now in the hands of your Petitioner, and to which your Petitioner begs of reference. That your Petitioner being unable to obtain the proper Documents for procuring the pay due thereon before the expiration of the time allowed by Law for the adjustment of such claims, hath in consequence thereof been denied a settlement of the same by the Auditor of Public Accounts; That your Petitioner hath been prevented by unavoidable obstacles from complying with the Law in that case made and provided, by reason whereof it seems he is deprived, at present, of that Justice which he hopes to receive from your Honble House. Wherefore your Petitioner prays that your Honble House will take into tender consideration his said case, and give such orders therein as may enable the Auditor of Public Accounts to pass a Certificate for whatever may be Justly due the said Patrick McMahon for his Services aforesaid – And your Petitioner as in duty bound, shall ever pray &c. H. Turpin

The law authorizing the settlement of Military claims expired 1 Dec’r. ‘87
Aud’rs. Office/ 14 Nov. ‘89 J. Pendleton

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