To the Honble Speaker & House of Delegates.
The Petition of Thomas Williams of the County of Charlotte
Humbly Sheweth That in the month of October last two Companys of Militia were call’d from the County of Charlotte – that your Petitioner Commanded one of those Companys that he was directed by the County Lieutenant to provide at the Publick expence a sufficient quantity of Bacon, pork or Beef for support of his Company to Williamsburg – that for want of Salt no fresh provisions could be made use of, and from the great scarcity of Salt in that part of the Country the last year little Bacon was made, and from the present Scarcity of Salt those who had Bacon would not part from it. That the Soldiers were suffering greatly, which obliged your Petitioner to advance two Shillings pr pound for 199¼ lb Bacon – for which the Commissioners allow’d no more than one shilling & three pence pr pound by which means your petitioner hath lost the sum of seven pounds nine shillings & 5 d. Your petitioner begs leave to observe that his wages were by no means sufficient to defray his Expences in that business, exclusive of the afores’d sum of £7.9.5 that his Circumstances will not admit of such a loss, and therefore prays to be reembursed the said sum of £7.9.5. and yr Petitioner shall pray &c

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To Thomas Williams Capt. of Charlotte Militia  Dr
To 30 lb Bacon purchased of Thomas Crenshaw f use } @ 2/3
of my Comp’a. Aus.[?] rend’d the Commissioners } 1.17.6
By allowance by the Commissioners 1/3 pr } 1.2.6
To 49½ lb d’o Co. of Jos Hawkins [Joseph Hawkins] @ 2/
By allowance by the Com’r 1/3 3.1.10½

To 119¾ lb bo’t. of Jno Mills 2/
By all’e. by Com’r 1/3 7.9.8½

199¼ 4.9.9½

7.9.5

Charlotte County Sc
Thomas Williams came before me and made Oath to the above amount. November 1, 1777
P. Carrington

Monday Nov’r. 10 1777 Ref’d to Comm’e. of Claims/ reasonable/ Allowed £7.9.5