To the Hon. the Speaker and Gentleman of the House of Delegates

The petition of Holt Richeson humbly Sheweth that your Petitioner served upwards of three years in the Service of the United States as a Major & Lt. Col. and that the Auditors of Public Accounts refuse to settle his Account for pay & Depreciation as the Law Directs by which means he is Deprived of his Certificates & the advantage of Interest arising on them for two years past owing as your Petitioner is informed by the Auditors to a Charge in their office against your Petitioner for twenty-one thousand pounds Paper Currency for the purpose of paying a Regiment of militia ordered to South Carolina under the command of your Petitioner, your Petitioner affirms that this money was paid into the Hands of Mr. William Royall the then pay master to the Regiment who your Petitioner conceives ought to be accountable for the same. He therefore prays the matter may be inquired into by your Honorable House in the Auditors Directed to settle your Petitioner's Accounts for his Arrears of Pay and depreciation and grant him Certificates for the same & your Petitioner as in Duty bound will ever pray &c

S/ H. Richeson

Richeson's petition
May 14th 1784
Referred to Claims
Reasonable

[From bounty land records in the Library of Virginia]
The third document is a copy of the Commission given to Holt Richeson by the Committee of safety of Virginia as follows:

**The Committee of Safety for the Colony of Virginia**

By virtue of the Power and Authority to us given, by an ordinance of the General Convention, we, reporting especial Trust to your patriotism, conduct, and good service, do hereby appoint you, the said ——

Regiment of regular Forces raised for the Defense and Protection of this Colony, whereas ——

You are therefore to receive the Regulations for the said Regiment, by daily exercising the

Orders and Directions, from Time to Time, as you shall receive

Given under our Hands, at ——,—— —— the first Day of ——, Anno Domini ——.

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By Order of the Committee

[Signature]