To the Honourable the Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Delegates
The petition of James Ash of the County of Isle of Wight, Humbly Sheweth, that your Petitioner enlisted as a Soldier for one of the divisions of the said County to serve in the Continental Army eighteen months, for which he was entitled by law to receive a bounty of one thousand Weight of Tobacco, which bounty your petitioner never received: therefore he humbly prays your Honourable House will take his case under your Consideration & give him such relief as you in your wisdom shall think Just and right, and your petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray &c

Auditors Office November 22, 1784
By the Law directing Tobacco Notes to issue from the Treasury for Bounties to Soldiers enlisting in the Continental Army – a sufficient number was sent to the County Lieut. of each County for each recruit required there from – but no remedy was provided to empower the Auditors to make compensation to any recruit who did not receive a Tobacco note – & therefore we cannot make allowance to the within claim. Given under hands the day & year above
S/ B. Stark

Ash's petition
November 23rd 1784
Referred to Claims
Reasonable
Reported

Isle of Wight County October 2nd, 1784
This is to certify that James Ash who enlisted as a soldier for one of the divisions of said County for 18 months never did receive a note for the bounty Allowed in Tobacco to the best of my knowledge.
S/ Brewer Godwin, C. Lt. [County Lieutenant]