To the honorable General assembly of the commonwealth of Virginia

The petition of Wm. Bristow of Essex county humbly sheweth, that he was disabled as a soldier in the army during the war between the united states & great Britain, in consideration whereof he was allowed a pension from the 11th day of June 1779 to the 11th of June 1782; that your petitioner is still in a disabled helpless situation & hath been so from the period last mentioned & hath subsisted altogether by the gratuities of his neighbors, and having been unable to pursue the remedies by law appointed for him to obtain relief, he hath not been able to obtain a revival of his said pension & dragged out a life of wretchedness & want; therefore your petitioner humbly hopes that his said pension may be revived & that he may be entitled to the same from the time it ceased and your Petitioner will pray &c

It appears from the Books in this Office that the above named Wm. Bristow drew thirty six pounds for three years pension to wit from 11 June 1779 to 11 June 1782 & that he was also allowed twenty pounds for immediate relief.

S. Shepard
Aud[ito]rs Office/ 17th Dec’r 98

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