To the honorable the General Assembly of Virginia, The petition of Joseph Woodson respectfully Sheweth

That your petitioner several years ago lost a Military certificate, amounting to one hundred twelve pounds three shillings and four pence, that was issued in the name of Phillip Gough a musician in the Virginia State line on Continental establishment, which he has never been able since to recover. That it is totally lost will be sufficiently proven from a reference to the documents obtained from the Office of the Auditor of this State & the United States Loan Office which accompany this petition. Your petitioner therefore prays your honorable body to pass an act to authorize the Auditor of Public Accounts to issue a duplicate for the amount.

Joseph Woodson Petition
To Claims
Referred December 18, '05
Reasonable January 7th 1806
Reported same day
Bill drawn
[illegible word or abbreviations] 1806

Goochland County January 20, 1806

Many years ago between sunset & dark on a Public day, an affray happened in the Portice near the Bar of the Tavern at the Court house aforesaid in which I was engaged & at the time, I had in my hand the Certificate alluded to in my petition, presented to the legislature during its present Session, & in the scuffle I dropped it, the next day I rode to Richmond & left a Check in the office of the Commissioner of Loans, I applied at said office frequently thereafter & was informed it had not been presented, thus I was induced to believe & still do believe the said Certificate was totally destroyed by being trampled underfoot by the Company who remained drinking about the Bar, till a late hour, I several years after made application by letter to Mr. Hopkins the then Commissioner for directions how to obtain a duplicate, he gave me no satisfaction on that subject, & he stated that he thought it probable that the Certificate was totally
lost, about ten years ago, I applied to General John Geurrant [?] for directions how to obtain a
duplicate & he advised me to petition the assembly since which I have stated my Case to the
different representatives & for want of the proper documents & no petition has been presented,
till the one above alluded to.

S/ Joseph Woodson

I do Certify that the Military Certificate I purchased of Philip Gough, I did let my Brother
William Matthews have & who lit Joseph Woodson have.

S/ Edward Matthews

It appears from the Register in this office, that a Certificate was issued to Philip Gough a soldier
in the Continental Army on Account of his pay and Depreciation amounting to £112.3.4 dated 29
July 1783 from one January 1782.

S/ John Carter, Clerk Auditors Office
5 December 1804

Nothing can be discovered from the books of the Loan office of any such certificate ever being
registered in this office.

S/ James H Gordon, Clerk
United States Loan Office Virginia
Richmond 26 January 1805
Southern Campaign, American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Addendum to Phillip Gough VAS1994
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following is from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia indexed as Gaugh, Philip.]

I certify that Philip Gough enlisted into the [undeciphered] Virginia Reg’t the first of [illegible date] and under Command of [several illegible words] first of January 1780 at which time he was promoted to Musician [several undeciphered words] “Band” in which he continued untill the first of January 1782 [several undeciphered words] to the different payments of the army Given under my hand at Winchester Barracks this [undeciphered] July 178[?]
A Kirkpatrick Capt [Abraham Kirkpatrick BLWt1210-300] [?] Virginia Reg

[several undeciphered words]