To the Hon’ble the Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Delegates; the Petition of Alexander McClenachan humbly representeth & sheweth. That your Petitioner about the close of the year 1775 was appointed Lieut. Colo. of the 7th Virginia Regiment. That he entered immediately into Service, & continued therein until Dec’r. 1777 when he was compelled to retire from the Service, on account of a dangerous illness, with which he had been seized, owing to the very great fatigue he had encountered in the severe Campaigns of 1776 & 1777. That your Petitioner after returning Home, & finding his Disorder still Obstinate, did, by the advice of his Friends & Physicians in May 1778 resign his Commission, his Life being then dispaired of. By your Laws as they at present stand, your Petitioner has the Mortification to find, that he is not intituled, to a Bounty in Land, on account of his not having served the term of three years, as required by Law. – Conscious that your Petitioner’s Services not only from their duration but their Severity, entitle him as fully to a Bounty in Land as others who have obtained it, he hopes you will take his particular case into Consideration, and give him such Allowance in Land, as you may think from his Services he may have merited. And your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c
Alex’r. McClenachan

June 1st 1784 referred to propositions/ reasonable