

The Honorable General Assembly of Virginia

The memorial of Peter Francisco humbly represents that being warmly impress'd with the justness magnitude of the American cause in the grand contest for Liberty, from an ardent desire to oppose a system form'd by the powers of Britain to enslave the American, he most cheerfully engag'd as a volunteer at the commencement of the war and continued in the service of the United States for the term of three years in which space he not only underwent the hardships & toils incident to soldiers in common but was exposed on every emergency to the most eminent dangers that occur'd in the critical situation of the Army under the command of his excellency General Washington in the northern States; where he receiv'd three wounds at different periods. For which services he has neither receiv'd money or cloathing. Your memorialist begs leave further to observe that at the alarming crisis when Lord Cornwallis invaded this state he furnished himself at his own expence with a valuable horse & other necessary accutremments for a dragoon and enter'd as a volunteer the secon'd time under the command of General Lawson & was afterwards incorporated with Col. Washington, Legionary Corps, was in the charge at Guilford nearby that Corps on the enemy, and was employed principally on the lines of the enemy in the Southern department. The many services render'd there particularly at the battle of Gilford is too well established to require further proof to your honorable body. For all of which services, toils, and dangers, your memorialist has neither receiv'd money, cloathing or any kind of compensation whatever. In consideration thereof your memorialist humbly pray you to take dispassionate view of these several circumstances and give that relief as the neglect of his domestic business, his services, the expence of furnishing himself with a horse etc., his merit as a soldier undergoing many distressing difficulties entitle him to.

(verso)

Auditors Office Nov. 24, 1784

The within mentioned claimant never applied to this office for settlement of his acct as a soldier in the Cont'l army – well knowing that the auditors are not authorized to make him any allowance therefor as he is not possessed of any certificate which fixes the time of his entering into the army & his discharge therefrom. With respect to the claim for a horse furnished it ought to have be adjusted by a court of claims – given under our hand the day & year above

B Stark

Francisco's Memorial

November 22, 1784

Ref'd to Claims

Rejected

Reported