

make an immediate Investigation of the Facts alledged against him, [June] that if Guilty he may Suffer Condign Punishment, worthy of the Atrocious Crime; but if found innocent, (which your Memorialist has not the least Fears of) that his Liberation may be Effected.

Your Memorialist begs Excuse for his Intrusion, and Doubts not it will be Received with Candour, and that your Excell<sup>y</sup> will be Pleased to Scrutinize into his Complaint, and from the Nature of the Case be Deemed worthy your Exc<sup>y</sup> Attention.

[Capt. John Reid's Mem<sup>o</sup>]

[June]

Mem<sup>n</sup> for Capt<sup>n</sup> Davis to apply to the Gov<sup>r</sup> & Council for their order on M<sup>r</sup> Eglen to furnish Cap<sup>t</sup> Reids men with the following articles of Cloathing also to mention to them, to request M<sup>r</sup> Eglen to have them made up & should they make any hesitation in Granting the order he will be pleas'd to urge the measure by representing their naked situation of the men & the absolute necessity of Granting it.

Articles wanting; 12 Hatts, 12 Coats, 12 Jacketts, 12 pair Overalls, 40 Shirts, 7 Blanketts.

[John Simmes, Charles Co To His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esq<sup>r</sup> [June] Governor and the Honourable Council]

The Petition of John Simmes of Charles County most Humbly Sheweth that your Petitioner is one of the Draughts from Charles County to serve in the Continental Army for nine months. Your Petitioner being now in the forty ninth year of his Age but very weakly in his Constitution and has a Humour in his Eye which renders him incable to bear the fatiagues of a Campaign your Petitioner also has a very large family to support by his own Labour, which should be obliged to Join the Army must suffer they being most of them very young. Your Petitioner therefore most Humbly prays your Honours to take his case into Consideration and grant him such relief as to your Honours shall think meet. And your Petitioner in duty bound will pray &c.

John Simmes

We the subscribers Inhabitants of Charles County and well Acquainted with the above Petitioner do recommend him to your Excellencys Clemency and do aver that the facts in the above Petition are true.

James Simms, Thomas A. Dyson, Ja<sup>s</sup> Russell; Jn<sup>o</sup> Gwinn, Francis Posey, W. Winter, Edw<sup>d</sup> Semmes, Joseph Boarman, Leonard Boarman Junier, Leonard Boarman Sener, Neighbour to the above Junier, W<sup>m</sup> F. Noble, John Baker Wathen, Oswald Edelen, Ign<sup>s</sup> Simpson, Henry Simpson.