

consideration and release her son Sam<sup>l</sup> Wright J<sup>r</sup> the said Draft and [August] she as in Duty bound will pray

We the Subscribers being Acquainted with the above petition<sup>r</sup> hereby certify that the facts set fourth in the above petition is the truth.

Jo. H. Harrison  
Nathaniel Williams  
Caleb Hudson  
Burdit Ratliff  
Will<sup>m</sup> Davies

Ann Arundel County ss.

To his Excellency the Governor, and his Honourable Council of the State of Maryland [August] [Indorsed "Dis-charged"]

The Petition of Greenbury Simpson of said County, and State, most Humbly Sheweth—That your Petitioner being Drafted in April Provided a Man in his stead during the War, at a Considerable Cost to himself, and being Drafted again in July and not being Circumstanc'd to procure another Man, having an Aged and helpless Mother, and three Sisters, whose dependance for the Necessaries of Life, are wholly depending on your Petitioner, which if your Petitioner is taken away from them must come to great want: Your Petitioner therefore Prays that his Excellency the Governor, and his Honourable Council will take this the Deplorable and Indigent case into Consideration, in which his Poor Aged Mother and Sisters will be left in, except your Honours please to exempt your Petitioner from the Draft, which as in Duty Bound your Petitioner shall for ever Pray &c. &c.

The truth of which, is Attested by us the Subscribers.

Rich <sup>d</sup> Stringer	William haslup
W Spurrier	Henry Bateman Sen <sup>r</sup>
John Drummond	John Mall of Severn
Joseph White Sen <sup>r</sup>	John Spelan
William Bateman	James [Rowding?]
[ ] James Frost	John Bateman

Greenbury Simpson makes Oath that he was drafted in the 47<sup>th</sup> Class under the Act to procure Recruits passed October sixteen 1781 and that he procured John Jordan to enlist for the War in his place to whom he gave forty pounds part gold and part paper of the value of Gold that he has a Mother sixty odd years of Age and three sisters the eldest about 14 who has not been able to do any thing for two years past the next to her about 12 and the youngest about 10 years of Age who depend on his Labour only for Support.

James Brice Ald<sup>n</sup>

[J. Travers to Gov. Lee]

[August]

I am afraid you will think me very troublesome But hope you will Excuse it I shall be much Oblige to you to inform me whether I am not to be try'd by the Civil Law I was in hopes you wou'd have spoke