

a common soldier. I am Sir,

Your most humble Servant.

Charles S Smith.

The Humble Petition of Caleb Hayley belonging to the Prince George's Battalion of Militia, most humbly;

Sheweth, that your petitioner came to Annapolis voluntarily with a party of men, belonging to the said Battalion where being on duty received a hurt by a fall which compelled him to go to the Hospital and was so dangerously ill for the space of 21 weeks that his life was despaired of, and has rendered him entirely incapable of labouring, and as he has no other method of getting a livelihood is now reduced to a most deplorable condition and as he has no other view of being relieved from this miserable situation but by your Honours generosity with the advice of his officers, whose names are herewith subscribed, to apply to you.

Hoping Honourable Gentlemen that you will take his case into consideration and be so well pleased as to order him payment for the time of sickness which is now seven weeks and your petitioner if in case of necessity will be always ready to stand in Defence of the Country to his last breath hopes that your Honours will comply with his request and your petitioner in duty bound, shall ever pray.

Sept 10th 1776.

Caleb Hayley.

By information from the officers in the Company and many of the Privates who went to Annapolis, the within petitioner received a hurt in the right as he (with others) went to relieve the guards.

Thos Williams

Wm Macgill

Mark McDowell.

Being first Lieutenant in the Company of Militia referred to by the within petition, at the request of said Caleb Hayley I do hereby certify that he received his hurt when stationed at Annapolis and on duty.

October 25th 1776 -

Richard Wooten.

To the Honourable the Gentlemen of the Council of Safety held at the City of Annapolis.

Sir

Frederick Town Sept 12th 1776.

I am directed by the Committee to inform the Convention that there are many deserters, from our regiment, now in this and the Upper District, and that they have sufficient reasons to believe, they are decoyed by their Friends.

Under these circumstances the Committee wish the Convention to take some order therein, as they conceive the interposition of their authority may be necessary for the speedy apprehending them, and discouraging desertion in future.

I am likewise to mention, that there have been and still are, several sick soldiers lodged in this town, belonging to the Continental army, and as no provision hath been made for them I am to request your directions.

Thos Matthews Pilgrimage

Pres^t of Convention.

I am Sir, with great respect, Y^r very Obed^t Serv^t

Philip Thomas, of Comm^y Corresp^t