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To the Hon^{ble} the Speaker and House of delegates in Gen^l Assembly

The petition of Richard Bruce humbly sheweth that he was deputy Sheriff in the County of Albemarle under former Quakers Esq^r high Sheriff of said County in the years 1782. & 1783. that in the said time he had the small pox and met with many misadventures that unavoidably prevented his completing his said Collection by which the your petitioner was obliged to advance his own money for the discharge of his Quota of tax due for the 2 years

Your petitioner for these sheweth that altho he has long since fully paid up his said Quota yet there remains due to him from different persons chargeable with taxes a Considerable ^{balance} for said years; and as your petitioner has it not in his power to make distress

for the same in as much that the present sheriffs refusing to suffer your petitioner to qualify under them

Your petitioner therefore prays that on his giving bond and security to the worshipfull court of Albemarle that he will make no unlawful seizures; that he may be allowed the term of twelve Months to complete his collection and be vested with the same power to make distress as is vested in other Collectors

Your petitioner in duty bound will ever pray &c

Richard Bruce

Bruce's Pet^o.

11th Oct^r 1792

to Att^r Justice

The petition of

Richard Bruce