

To the Honorable Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of
Delegates.

The Petition of Richard Bruce
Humbly sheweth.

That your Petitioner being Deputy Sheriff of the County of Albemarle
set out on the 25th day of July last for the City of Richmond with the
full Balance of taxes for the year 1782 in Cash Warrants and Receipts.
That a severe illness with which he was seized upon the Road
prevented his reaching Richmond until the sixth day of August ^{when he}
immediately applied to the Treasurer who refused to receive the same
alleging that the time allowed by the act for relief of Sheriffs for paying
Commutables into the Treasury had expired. That your Petitioner had
not seen the last Act which passed concerning the Revenue nor that
passed at a subsequent Session for the relief of Sheriffs. Your
Petitioner therefore prays that the Treasurer may be directed to receive
the said Receipts for Warrants & Warrants if he as in duty bound
shall pray &c

Bruce Pele _____

Nov^r 27th 1703

Refd to Propo^r

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Albemarle Co } This day Richd Bruce Esq came before one
one of the Commonwealths Justices of the said
County and made oath that on the ^{4th} Day
of July last he set out To Richmond with
the full ballance of the Taxes due for the year
1782 from that County, In Cash Interest and
Civil list warrants and hump Receipts and
that he was taken so very ill on the Road that
he was Not able To Ride and continued so till
the ^{6th} Day of August, when he came ~~there~~ to
Richmond the Treasurer would Not Receive
them because the whole were not In Cash
and Reply^d the Time of ~~Receiving~~ Receiving
Committables ~~was~~ was expired tho. the ^{5^d}
Bruce saith that they Never were furnish^d
with the law for the Relief of Sheriffs nor ever
knew when the last act concerning the Taxes
mentioned they should be paid in the Treasury,
and that he still has the hump warrants
and Cash Ready To pay at any Time
Given under my hand this 22nd October 1783
H. Bush