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To the honorable the Senate and House of Delegates, of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in General Assembly. - Your Petitioner Elisha L Christian, of the County of Amherst, respectfully represents, that some time in the Month of April 1814. he was ordered into publick Service, under the Command of Captain William Sale of said County, in a Troop of Cavalry, attached to the 90th Regt. V. M. - and served a tour of three Months, <sup>as a private soldier,</sup> at the Cantonment near Norfolk; during which time he was afflicted with a serious disease, arising from exposure and change of climate, in common with many of his associates in arms, which will near, terminate his life - so much so, that at the expiration of said tour he was helpless, and totally unable of attending to the care of his arms, and accoutrements - They were however placed in the care of his Officers, and transported to the City of Richmond, at which place they were deposited, together with the other arms and accoutrements belonging to said Troop, in the care of Flournoy, from whom he is informed and believes, they were unappropriated for publick Service, but what has finally become of them,

he cannot say - In this state of things, your  
Petitioner further represents, that since the close  
of the late War, between the United States, and the  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,  
he was found by a Court of Enquiry for said Regt.  
The Sum of twenty ~~two~~ Dollars which he has been  
compelled to pay, <sup>for the loss of his said arms, and accoutrements</sup> although no fault, in <sup>particular</sup>,  
could be attributed to him, for the reasons aforesaid,  
and which he could well have established before  
said Court of Enquiry, had he at that time known  
what eventually became of said Arms, but which  
did not come to his knowledge, until too late  
to be relieved by said Court, to whom he made ap-  
plication afterwards, but was answered, that a  
Court of Enquiry, had no authority at that time,  
to consider the case - Whereupon your Petitioner prays,  
that a law may be passed for his Relief, directing  
that said Sum of ~~two~~ Dollars shall be paid to  
him, in such way as to the Legislature, in their  
wisdom, and judgment, may seem expedient and right.  
And your Petitioner will ever pray &c.

Elisha L Christian

Montgomery County, Tenn. This day Elisha L Christian  
came before me Tho. Greney a Justice of the peace  
for said County and made Oath, that the facts stated  
in the foregoing Petition are true - Given under my  
hand this 26<sup>th</sup> day of December 1817. Fbr 2  
Tho. Greney

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Elisha S. Christian's Petition.

Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 1818.  
ref. to Claims

Reasonable

Jan 14<sup>th</sup> 1818

Reported

Bill drawn  
Jan 11<sup>th</sup>

Elisha S. Christian  
Petition

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This day W. J. Flannery personally appeared before me and made oath to the following statement - that a certain Mr. Bradford M. Norvell Mr. Ballanger Christian and others belonging to the Donkerst Troop of Cavalry on their return from a tour of duty to Norfolk called at my House in this City in a sick and debilitated state, so much so that they were unable to go on their way home on horse back in consequence of which they hired a hack and went on and left their arms with me desiring that I would take particular care of them until they could get some favourable opportunity of sending for them that they did afterwards send a written order for the said arms, but between the time of their leaving of them and the sending of their order the executive sent an officer and took all the arms that were in my possession to equip some other Troop.

Jordan Flannery

Sworn to before me this 20<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1818.

Wm. Fitzwilliam  
Clerk

Mr. Edmond Penn

Jordan Flouris's  
Affidavit.

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Ancherst County, 28<sup>th</sup> Dec: 1817.

I do hereby Certify that Elisha. S. Christian  
a private in Capt. Sales Troop, returned home after  
a Tour of duty at Norfolk, extremely emaciated from  
disease which I understood he contracted in service  
Given under my hand &c. — James Powell

Surgn. 90<sup>th</sup> Regt. V.M.

Amherst County Town

This day personally appeared  
Walter S. Christian before me a Justice of the  
peace for the County aforesaid & made oath that  
himself & Elisha S. Christian were discharged  
by their Capt. Wm Sale attached to the 90<sup>th</sup> Regt.  
V. M. - that on that day their arms were  
put on board a Vessel to convey them to Richmond  
but before the Vessel set sail, Elisha S. Christian  
(who at that time was afflicted with a disease  
that threatened his life) was so ill as prudence  
required to be sent back to his lodgings, where he  
remained sixteen days before he was able to renew  
an attempt to get home. - that the arms &  
accoutrements of Elisha S. Christian were carried  
on by their Lieut. Bennet A Crawford to Richmond  
and as Lieut. Crawford told him <sup>left at one Flinnors</sup> ~~house & property~~  
~~Flinnors~~ for the use of the Army, -  
Giving under my hand this 28<sup>th</sup> Dec: 1817.

James Powell



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I have reason to believe that the arms mentioned  
in a petition of B. ~~R~~ Crowell to the Legislature,  
were taken from the possession of Mr. Flournoy,  
the Tavern Keeper, by my orders. Understanding  
in the fall of 1864, that there were several swords  
& pistols in the possession of the Keeper of the  
Virginia Inn, which had been left there  
by Courtesant Soldiers, I issued an order for  
them to be delivered up. To the above  
fact, it may be essential to remark  
that Mr. C. was both at the Va. Inn  
some time previously to my having the  
arms alluded to, removed.

Wm. Wood A. S. C. S.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 1873