

To the Honorable the Legislature of Virginia

The Petition of Elesia Christian of the County of Amherst respectfully sheweth that he was one of Capt. William Sales Troop of Cavalry that was in Service at Norfolk in 1814 That after the said Troop of Cavalry were discharged Daniel S. Christian one of said Troopers & the Brother of your Petitioner was carried on Board of a vessel very ill with the fever then prevailing in Camp & that your Petitioner went on Board of said vessel with his said Brother and carried with him the arms of said Daniel & your Petitioner on Board of said vessel, which was to start for Richmond the next day: your Petitioner states that the night after he went on Board of said vessel he was taken down with said fever and the next morning your Petitioner & said Daniel was taken out of said vessel (they being too sick to move on to Richmond) and carried back to a Boarding house in Norfolk where they remained untill very sick untill long after the said vessel had started for Richmond. It so happening that the Arms of your Petitioner was not carried back to Norfolk with him but was carried to Richmond in said vessel where your Petitioner was informed the same was pressed for the State service. Your Petitioner further represents that after his return to Amherst he represented the circumstances respecting said arms to Capt. Richard Harrison who

who succeeded said Sales, in having resigned shortly
 after his return from Norfolk. & that the said
 Harrison informed him your Petitioner that he
 would get him clear, and that it would be
 unnecessary for your Petitioner to attend the
 court of enquiry on that account, in consequence
 of which your Petitioner did not attend the said
 court of enquiry, and was fined on account
 of his not having said arms, nor a receipt for
 them the sum of \$ 25. your Petitioner
 (whose circumstances are very indigent and to whom
 the sum of \$ 25 altho' small is an object) having
 no other way to get rid of said fine which has been
 improperly imposed upon him than by the interces-
 sion of your Honorable body prays that the
 said fine of \$ 25 may be remitted by a
 Special act of assembly for that purpose
 and your Petitioner will pray &c. &c.

Elisha Christian

Deponent Sworn to

Amherst County Court

Elisha Christian made oath before
 me a Justice of the peace for the county aforesaid
 that the facts stated in the foregoing Petition are
 true given ^{Per. 11} and subscribed the 29th day of
 November 1861

James Powell

Elisha Christian
 J. P.

Amherst County to wit

This day Walter & Christian of lawful age came before
me a justice for the piece for said county and made
oath that Elisha and Daniel Christian was both sick in
Norfolk at the time they was in service with Capt com sale
and was discharged the 23^d day of July 1844 and the same
knight was carried on board of a vessel and their
Arms was carried with them all by the direction of
Lieutenant Crawford with the rest of the troop that
sick to which was along Lieutenant Crawford and
Sergeant Brown corporal Howell and many others that
had started for Richmond and sailed out in the river
ready for next morning to start - to which was the
24th day - to which I ~~went~~ boat and went out to
see them start and when I went on board ^{of the vessel} I found
Daniel had got out of the Cabin on deck and had
fainted to which I thought proper to carry him back
to a boarding house also Elisha was carried and both re-
mained there ~~some~~ ^{both their} weeks to which arms was left
in the vessel with the rest of the arms where the
Lieutenant was and I supposed was in his care as he
had them carried there and was easy about it -
and after they both got so they could travel we
started home and after we got ~~home~~ ^{to Greenwell} there was
enquiry made if those ~~arms~~ arms was brought there
Capt Chas Barut said there was one sword and pistol
in his care and after we got home enquiry was made
and it was ~~found~~ ^{that} said that all their arms
was pressed in Richmond as they came on home and
I heard nothing more said about their arms till

here of late - and I still suppose they were pass'd
 in richmond till Elisha was fined for them to which
 the rest of their arms was said to be pass'd and never
 heard any account of them till Elisha was fined for
 them - and as for any other account of the boys arms I cannot
 give more than I carried them with Lieutenant on board
 of the vessel and with his arms and they were left there
 in the vessel with him when we left it on the 24th
 day - given under my hand this the 12 day of December 18th
 John Lesterward
~~Walter S. Christian~~

Elisha Chris-
 - tian's Bill
 Dec. 18th
 1815
 ref. to
 claims
 Reasonable
 Dec. 21st
 Reported
 Dec. 22nd
 Bill drawn
 Dec. 27th

Chambers County Court

This day Walter S. Christian came before me a justice
 of the peace for said county and made oath that the
 above certificate is true as far as he knows or
 believes given under my hand this the day of
 December