

A

To the Honourable the Senate and House of Representatives
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

The Petitioner Colonel John Rice of
Huntingdon County Respectfully Sheweth

That your Petitioner entered into the service of his country in January 1777, marched to Philadelphia enrolled in Capt Thomas Blugazi's company, and marched from thence in the Regiment commanded by Col John Piper from Jersey to a place called Pasten Ridge, where they were ambled by Gen Mifflin - That a party of the British having fortified themselves at Red Bank, Capt W Donnelly and Capt Miller were ordered to select twenty men and attack them and bring off the cattle which they had collected -

That your Petitioner, with others, was selected by Capt W Donnelly who attacked the British about break of day and succeeded finally in troubling and bringing off about four hundred heads of cattle and twenty nine horses and a number of sheep which they carried off to our army at Pimston - That before they left Pasten Ridge, their town being about to expire, and no other troops willing to take their place, a call was made to know who would agree to serve longer - That your Petitioner with several more of Blugazi's company agreed to stay till the arrival of other troops, and did remain as long as it was thought necessary and were finally discharged in Philadelphia and reached home near the town of Huntingdon the last of March or first of April following having spent fully three months in said extended tour.

That soon after, in the course of the same Spring, a large party of boys to the number of about ninety, started off to join the Indians at Mifflintown with the intention of bringing them in to murder the inhabitants on the frontier - That as soon as the alarm at their attempt was raised, a party of militia to the number of about one hundred and fifty, was gathered together by Col Buchanan of Lewisburg, Col W Henry of Stonecreek and Col Jack of Frankstown, and marched through the Alleghany mountains and halted at the waters of the Susquehanna, where they sent spies, five of whom were shot by the Indians. That your Petitioner was one of said party during the whole of said campaign, and returned with the company to Huntingdon having spent between two and three months in said tour and suffered much and endured many privations, their provisions being run out on the way - That your Petitioner was called on and turned out at every alarm during that wretched period, the particulars of which he cannot now call to mind - That he turned out also marched in a scout down Kinrosskill at the