

To the Honorable the Senate & House of Representatives of
the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General assembly met
The Petition of John Shaver, a citizen of Huntingdon County
Respectfully sheweth.

That your petitioner, in concert with a Captain Davidson
& Lieutenant William Johnston, in the year 1776 raised a com-
pany of volunteers, of which your petitioner was second Lieutenant, and
marched the same to Carlisle. That from thence the said company was
ordered under Col. Thomas Smith, to a New Jersey, & remained there for
three months, & until regularly discharged.

That in Sept. 1777 your petitioner, raised part of a company
of volunteers, to serve under General Stairs, of whom, all deserted
on the march except eighteen. That previous to commencing his march
your petitioner borrowed forty dollars from Col. Smith & Col. Wood, to
provide subsistence for his men, for which he gave them his note of hand;
this note of his, was sent on by them, & stopped out of his pay. That he
was stationed by General Stairs, in command of a fort at a place called
"Beach bottom" ^{the Lags Tower near Logansville} some miles above fort Wheeling, on the Ohio, where he
remained until regularly discharged. That no funds were prepared for the
payment of the men, & your petitioner to provide for their subsistence
in returning, assigned the balance of his pay, to a person in Pittsburg,
and after his return, actually paid out of his own pocket some of the
men.

That for six years after, the inhabitants of Bedford County, were
exposed to the inroads of the Indians; during all which time your petition-
er was active in leading scouting parties, & defending the frontiers. That
he has never received compensation for the money by him disbursed as above
mentioned, is now in his seventy eighth year, - his constitution much im-
paired, & his circumstances very necessitous. - That a few years ago his
house was burnt, with all his papers, & the whole of his bedding, furniture
& clothing, except what the family & himself wore at the time. He
therefore feels himself constrained to appeal to the Legislature, & to their sense
of gratitude & justice, as the last resource left him on earth. Without
property to support him, & without strength to labour, he most respectfully
solicits, from your honorable bodies, such relief as will enable him to
support existence as long as it shall please the almighty to continue him
here. Believing, as he does, that the charge he may prove to the state, will
not be of long duration.

And he will pray
John Shaver

Huntingdon County

Before the undersigned a justice of the peace in and for said County
personally appeared John Shaver, whose name appears to the above petition, and
on his solemn oath doth say, that the facts set forth in the above petition are
true.

sworn & subscribed
this 22^d December
A. D. 1775.

Before Metecan

John Shaver