Petition relating to George Bullitt VAS2009
Transcribed by Will Graves

To the Honourable the Speaker & Gentlemen of the General Assembly of Virginia

Thomas Nelson of the County of Fauquier, humbly Sheweth; that in the year 1772
George Bullitt, was then bound as an apprentice to your Petitioner who did engage to learn the
said apprentice the Art & mystery of a Black Smith [blacksmith], & to give the said apprentice
eighteen months Schooling, the said apprentice being then about fourteen years old, that your
petitioner on his part hath complied with each engagement, that no sooner had your Petitioner
taught the said apprentice his said trade, & given such Schooling as aforesaid & at a time when
the said apprentice began to be serviceable to your Petitioner, but the said apprentice enlisted in
the train of artillery raised in the defense of this State, having then two years to serve your
Petitioner, your Petitioner prays the Honourable house to take his case into consideration & grant
him such relief, as they in their wisdom shall think proper & your Petitioner as in duty bound
will ever pray &c

[Reverse]

Thomas Nelson's Petition
November 21, 1777
Rejected