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Petition of John Evans NC42

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Petition from John Evans concerning his discharge from the Continental Army
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PETITION OF JOHN EVANS.

To the Honourable the General Assembly for the State of North Carolina, Now assembled at Wake Courthouse.

The petition of John Evans, of Nash County,
Humbly Sheweth,

That on a certain day a party of the Nash Light Horse came to his house, & took your petitioner into custody, & carried him to Nash Courthouse, there was put under guard by the Orders of Maj. Wood [perhaps Major Matthew Wood of the Halifax County militia], then Comd't, & threatened your petitioner with hanging, A Gallows being erected on the spot, which Terrified your Petitioner to such a Degree that he consented to Enlist for Eighteen months. Your Petitioner inquired of the officers what his crime was. They answered that he wanted to take up arms & join the insurgents in Edgecombe, & went the length of Duncan Lamon's, to take his advice what to do in Regard to taking up arms or not, which charge is quite false, as Col. Hunter [probably Lt. Col. Thomas Hunter of the Edgecombe County militia] and Clinch [probably Lt. Col. Thomas Clinch of the Nash County militia] is since convinced of. Your Petitioner humbly prays that your Honours, in your great wisdom, will Take your Petitioner's Case under your serious Consideration, and Order your Petitioner to be Discharged from the duty of Eighteen Months, & your Petitioner, as in duty Bound, will ever Pray.

JOHN EVANS.