To the Honorable the Speaker and Gentleman of the House of Delegates –

The Petition of Charles Roark Humbly sheweth that during the late war he went on expedition against the Indians as a soldier in Captain James Dixon's company – Your Petitioner sets forth that having paid some attention to the acquirement of medical skill he took with him on the aforesaid expedition such medicines as are in common use and principally for his own benefit, but that while on the said expedition it was the request of the officers and soldiers that he should also attend to the duties of Physician and Surgeon being assured by the officers that he would be compensated by the public for his extraordinary trouble and expense. Under these impressions
your petitioner was induced to make use of his own medicines and attended strictly to the duties of his office which unfortunately for the soldiers proved a business truly arduous not only from common accidental diseases but from the wounds of a shocking specie common with men fighting savages.

Your Petitioner would not have delayed the application for some retribution [reimbursement] for his services this long, but for unforeseen accidents, the death of persons to whom his papers were entrusted, and the difficulty of getting them out of the hands of executors has prevented him hitherto. Wherefore your Petitioner prays that your Honorable house will take his case into consideration and grant him such relief as you may think reasonable & your petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray &c.

[Reverse]

Rourks Petition
to Claims
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Nov: 18th Voted reasonable
Report made out
Bill made out