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Petition relating to Reuben Finnill<sup>1</sup> and John Finnill VAS1871

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[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Orange County Legislative Papers

To the Honourable the Speaker and Gentleman of the house of Delegates the petition of Thomas Finnill humbly Sheweth –

That though your petitioner is in very low Circumstances he cheerfully consented to his Sons listing [enlisting] in the minute and regular Service, in which Service they both was taken sick and rendered unfit for Duty – my son Reuben came home sometime in August 1776 and lay there sick till the Spring Following, my son John came home sometime in September 1776 and lay there sick till the spring following, And then they both Returned to their duty as Soldiers neither of them being able to make me any Satisfaction for the trouble and Expense I had been at with them, which indeed is too much for me to bear as I have several small children, and pays rent for Land, and my own labor the only support I have for a living.

Your petitioner therefore desires that you would take his case under your Consideration and grant him such relief as you in your wisdom shall think Reasonable, and he in duty Bound will pray &c

S/ Thomas Finnill



[Reverse]

Thomas Finnell [sic]	Allowed 10 per day
Petition November 3, 1777	at 30 days to the Month
Referred to Claims	Reuben 8 months – till April
Reasonable	John 7 months
Recommitted	240
Allowed for John	<u>210</u>
£8.15	<u>450</u>
Orange	<u>225</u>
	<u>150</u>
	375

<sup>1</sup> I have a very strong suspicion that this is the same man as [Reuben Finney W10024](#)

	<p>£18.15</p> <p>John – Minute Service</p> <p>Reuben – Regular Service</p> <p>2100</p> <p><u>175</u></p> <p>£8.15</p>
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Orange County

Thomas Finnill made oath before me this day that he has two sons in the Service, John and Ruben Finnill, John came home sometime in September 1776 and was sick till the Spring following. Ruben was taken sick in August 1776 and remained sick till the Spring following. Both an entire Charge to him said Thomas Finnill, John Finnill Senior likewise a neighbor made oath he believes the above to be Truth.

Certified under my hand this 17<sup>th</sup> October 1777

S/ Roland Thomas