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Petition of Richard Chenoweth VAS1956

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To the Honourable the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia

The petition of Richard Chenoweth

Humbly Sheweth

That your petitioner in January 1781 was employed by Col. George Slaughter and Capt. William Shannon to build one Square of Fort Nelson [at the Falls of the Ohio River, now Louisville] (the Stipulated sum being Twelve thousand pounds) Your petitioner immediately employed workmen and perfected the same Public credit being at a low ebb no person could be induced to undertake the remainder of the Work. Your petitioner was then Applied to and every possible argument made use of to induce him to undertake it.

Accordingly I undertook it on condition that six men mutually chosen viz. Capt. John Todd, Col. William Pope, Capt. William Oldham, Capt. James Patton, Henry Floyd and Benjamin Pope should as soon as perfected estimate the same, the Fort I finished on the Eleventh March, the Work was also valued at thirty thousand seven hundred twenty-five pounds to be [paper damaged and text rendered illegible] Value which was forty for one the Notorious custom of Exchange in this District at that time; Your petitioner never was an Opulent man and having employed a great number of Workmen to complete my engagement, and paying them off while able, the rest of them bringing Suits have reduced your Petitioner almost to beggary together with a small helpless family notwithstanding the manifold Injuries sustained by your petitioner for want of an adequate compensation, and still [indecipherable word] entire Confidence in your Honourable house humbly prays your Honourable house to take my Deplorable Situation in consideration and grant such specoly [sic, specify or specially?]¹ relief as you in your great Wisdom shall Judge necessary and your Petitioner as in duty Bound Shall ever pray.

[Acknowledged in Jefferson County [Kentucky?] November 22, 1787]

[Reverse]

Chimworths [sic] petition



22 November 1787

Referred to Claims

December 7th 1787

Reasonable

[very faint, may be "allowed \$768 specie"]

[too faint to discern]