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Virginia documents pertaining to Fortunatus Crutchfield VAS2045 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

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To the honorable the Speaker and Gentlemen of the house of Delegates

The Petition of Fortunatus Crutchfield humbly sheweth, that in September 1779 he was appointed, by Col. William Aylett late Deputy Commissary Gen'l. of Purchases of the souther district, assistant Commissary of Purchases for the Post at Hanover Town, and continued in that office by his sucessor Maj'r. Robert Forsyth; that he has at this time on his hands, for public use, a considerable quantity of provisions and hath made purchase for a great deal more which hath not yet come to hand, but is shortly to be deliverd to your Petitioner at his own house & that by an act of Assembly passed this present Session, for sending a certain number of Militia to south Carolina, your Petitioner happens to be in one of the divisions that is to march to that place, and has now orders for that purpose; But as your Petitioner is now acting in an office of importance to the continent, where he must from the very nature of things render far greater service to his Country that by being taken off in the Militia, in which case he must leave the business of his office in a confused State, & has no person to act therein for him, he humbly begs that your honorable house will be pleas'd to take this case under your consideration, & excuse him from Military duty while he remains in this Office, and your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c.

N.B. The Petitioner is also an acting Quarter Master under Col. William Finnie [R14175]

June 21st 1780 Rejected.