

in compliance with this advice he left Balt^e for London Early in May 1797, & returned in the latter part of Oct^r the Same year previous to his Sailing for Europe her Father had Substantiated this claim against the State & left it to be Transacted by an Attorney, but during his absense Mr. Luther Martin (then Attorney General) who had long Been at personal Enmity with her father Barr^d - The Claim by pleading the act of limitation on the return of her Father he publicly charged, Mr. Martin in the papers of having been more governed by private pique against him, then Zeal in performing his duty To The State. This produced a newspaper war which lasted nearly the whole winter and in April 1798 - her Father died and was Buried in Balt^e with masonic Honors several Hundred of the Fraternity walking in procession to his Funeral. The Father of your memorialist was Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland at the time our Immortal Washington was Grand Master and by the request of and at the right hand of his Hon^d Grand Master, delivered the Masonic oration at laying the Corner Stone of the Capitol in Washington City - fearful of Intruding too long on the Valuable time of your Hon^{ble} Body, your memorialist humbly Begs leave to say that she does not Claim from the State of Maryland anything as a Right or as a Debt, but trusting to their well known liberality & Benevolence she humbly ventures to hope that in consideration of the above mentioned circumstance they, after due deliberation, will graciously & humanly Grant her some Small pecuniary aid, she is unwilling to Believe that the Honorable legislative Body of her native State - A State that has so many monuments of the Talents & usefulness of her Father, would Entirely disregard the pleading of his Isolated Orphan, who has by a long concatenation of misfortunes & severe Afflictions Both Bodily and Mental, become reduced To the painful necessity of thus publicly Imploring pecuniary assistance which is not only wounding to her pride as an American but repugnant to her feelings of delicacy as a Female whom nothing but the most Extreme Distress would induce to address so august and Hon^{ble} a Body

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Yr memorialist begs leave to add that she has been absent from the United States upwards of 14 years - and has not been in this City for 20 - that her husband is a Lt. Col. in the Colombian Service but owing to the unsettled State of that Country and their Total Inability to pay their officers, She has not had a remittance from him for 4 years and her principal object in Imploring pecuniary aid is to obtain the means to rejoin him in the Interior of South America, never before having had occasion to draw up an Instrument of writing that was to be laid before so Hon^{ble} a Body will she hopes plead her Excuse for the numerous errors in this, and she concludes in the humble But firm hope that the Godlike Voice of Charity and Humanity will Incline the hearts of this Honorable Body to give some Small attention to her prayer, and for the most Trifling Assistance at this momentous Crisis your memorialist will ever be bound to pray for them not only as a Body politic, but for the happiness & prosperity of Each Individual member of the legislature, to whom she begs leave to say that she calls on them for their assistance not only as Inhabitants of her native State, but Implores them to place themselves in the Situation of Fathers, Husband & Brothers and in Either of those Relations, to Act now by her, as they would wish the legislature to act by Either a Wife, a Daughter, or a Sister of theirs, who was thus pleading for aid when they had gone to that Bourne from whence no Traveller returns - this being the ground work of our Holy Religion, and the principal command of our divine law Gives "to do unto all men as you would they sho^d do unto you" she here rests her memorial, with Saying that her Gratitude for their Goodness Shall this life be her leading Star & paramount to Everything Else -

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