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The Humble Petition of Thomas Cullumber in Behalf and for his two far absent Children

Humbly sheweth,

127 That your poor Petitioner has two small Children in Colbert County and the oldest of them not being above Five and half Years old they are incapable of doing any Thing for themselves,— And at the same Time, most honourable Gentlemen I am to inform you that after the Death of my Wife and the Time of my Enlistment I agreed with a Friend of mine there, to take Care of them for a limitted Time But through the Frowns of Providence and the Misfortunes of the World he has fell through and reduced to the very lowest Ebb of Poverty so that Most honourable Gentlemen he is incapable of affording or aiding himself any Support let alone any Subsistance for my two far absent Infants and without some Relief and that quickly they must inestimably Perish — Likewise most Gratious and considerate Gentlemen I am to inform you that the Person with whom I left my poor Infants wrote me That I must go Home immediatily, in order to provide a Living for my Children, as he was under the Necessity of going to Frederick, Therefore Most honourable Gentlemen I hope you will take the low and deplorable Condition of your poor Petitioners two Infants, ~~[illegible]~~ into your most serious Consideration and grant him some Leave of Absence or other Method to provide for them and your poor Petitioner shall ever be in Duty bound to pray.

Thomas Cullumber

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