To His Honor John Martin Esquire
and Commander in Chief in and over the State of Georgia, and the Honorable the Executive Council of the same

The Petition of Francis Lewis at press of the Town of Savannah.

Wormbly Shweweth

That your Petitions, in the Summer of last year, came from the Province of West Florida in this, then Province now State, that at the time your Petitions arrived, he was in newfangled circumstances and accepted of a Staff Appointment in a Corps then raising by Lieut. James Wright.

That your Petitioner, upon his first understand that the British intended to evacuate the Town of Savannah, took the earliest opportunity of deserting from them, and joining General Wayne's Camp, which he did effect, and did duty under Col. Jackson until the Town was evacuated.

Your Petitioner was stimulated to this conduct from two reasons, first, he wished to join the Arms of America, and secondly, he was thereunto encouraged from the ample Protection and otherwise Actsforth to Persons in his Predicament, who, never before nor ever allegiance to the United States, by your Honor's Proclamation, which he
Happened to get them into his prisoner, and in which he places the highest degree of faith and confidence.
That your Petitioner understanding this his compliance with your Honor's Proclamation found to his great surprise, shortly after the evacuation of the town by the British, himself, charged by Major Pemberton and the Attorney General with a set of people to serve as soldiers or to find substitutes two years in the Continental Georgia Battalion.
Persons whom your Petitioner understands were alienated to this State, bent upon and resolved from the same, and with Prosperity this way went excape for their past offences.

Whereupon taking the premises into your consideration your Petitioner humbly hopes that it will appear to your Honor and to the execution that his case is singular and that he should not be compelled to find a substitute to serve in the Continental Georgia Battalion two years.

Therefore your Petitioner, humbly entreating his name may be taken off the list to find a substitute.

and he will ever pray

Francis Lewis

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