

[Fairfax 1780 11 15, Church 1325P, Record Group 78, The Library of Virginia]

To [torn]he honble the Speak[torn] and Gentlemen of the of the General Assembly –

John Sutton late of Carlisle in Great Britain, but now a citizen of Fairfax County in the Commonwealth of Virginia humbly represents, that your Memorialist came to Virginia in 1775 and Visited his Uncle James Connall of the Town of Alexandria who received and acknowledged your Memorialist as is Nephew and heir at law. That upon his assurance given your Memorialist of having and enjoying his Estate, your Memorialist returned to Great Britain, with a determination of removing with his Family to Virginia as soon as opportunity would permit. That before any opportunity offered, the said James Connill died having by his Will dated the 17 day of May 1777 given your Memorialist his Estate charged only with the payment of a few trifling Legacies. That early in the year 177[illegible] left England and went to Ireland and took his passage for France and from thence was on his passage to Virginia and was taken by a Jersey Privateer and carried back to England. That Early the last Spring your memorialist again left England and arrived at Alexandria in the month of August where he was informed of his Uncle's Death, the purport of his Will, and that the Estate was Eascheated as British property and would be sold if not prevented [insert] but your memorialist received possession from the Estate of his Uncle which he yet retains.[end insert] Your memorialist therefore humbly prays the honble Assembly will take the business under their consideration and afford him such relief as shall seem just and reasonable.---

John Sutton

[reverse]

Petition of
John Sutton
Nov^r 15th 1780
Referred to Propositions
Reasonable
def^d
Bill drawn