

To the honorable the General Assembly of the State
of Delaware.

The Memorial of Joshua Gilpin Executor
of the Estate of Thomas Gilpin, ^{late} of Philadelphia deca-
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Respectfully sheweth.

That the said Thomas Gilpin in his Life time from
the year 1777. was possessed of a considerable Stock of
Black Cattle upon the Meadows near Wilmington
in this State. That in the Month of September in the
aforesaid year. previous to the Approach of the British
Fleet & Army the said Cattle were driven from the
said Meadows by George Evans then public Com-
missionary. by virtue of orders from the President of
this State & him to remove the same. That in the
Month of November following by virtue of an Order
from the Vice President & Council of this State the
said Cattle to the amount of thirteen in number
were sold by the said George Evans & as he alleges
the Money ^{was} retained by him by virtue of the aforesaid
Orders until it finally depreciated & became
of no Value. That your ^{Memorialist} Petitioner, on behalf of
the Estate of the said Thomas Gilpin having
applied to the said George Evans for payment for
the said Cattle finds that he is barred from all
Claim against him for the same not only by the
said Georges having acted on behalf of the State
under its immediate orders, but by a certain
~~act~~ or Acts of the State passed since the Revolution
for confirming the Acts of Officers ^{acting} under the Autho-
rity of the State & of Congress in such Cases & de-
pending

depending them from prosecution or Inquiry for the same

Your Memorialist ^{therefore} humbly apprehending that the
Estate of the said Thomas Gilpin having a just claim
upon this State for the Amount of the said Cattle not only
by the original Acts of its Officers in taking them for the
public Service of Benefit, but by its Laws some made
exempting such persons from ^{Officers} ~~all~~ ^{prosecution} ~~claim~~ on their behalf
& thereby virtually approving all Claimants to the Jus
tice of the State itself. Humbly prays that you will
take the premises into Consideration of ~~your~~ ~~grace~~
~~Relief~~ grant such Relief as ~~shall~~ ~~be~~ ~~your~~
Wisdom & Justice may seem proper.

And your Petitioner's Memorialist's

Testimony