

was ordered to be kept in a dark room on board the ship after ill treatment and a tedious voyage arrived and was confined together with all the crew of the "Dauphin" in Porten Prison England, when in absence of your Memorialist with a suffering family he remained in close and barbarous confinement for about 12 months, when by the kind aid of an American then in England he received by stratagem a small sum of money by which means was enabled to disguise himself, made his escape from prison and soon after arrived safely in France, the Marquis Lafayette hearing of the escape of your Memorialist's husband wrote him a letter the original of which is presented to your Honorable Body for perusal as a voucher of the services and sufferings of the late Capt^l William Middleton, by this kindness of the Marquis, your Memorialist's husband was enabled to return to his distressed family not needing it in his lifetime no application was made for help of any description by your Memorialist deceased husband, your Memorialist is far advanced in years, is greatly in need of assistance, she therefore prays that the Honorable Legislature, will take her case into consideration and grant such relief as is usual and Magnanimous and in duty &c.