To the Honorable Louis McLane, Secretary of the Treasu

The Petition of George Barber aged about 68 years,
of the City of Annapolis, humbly represents, that on or
about the Year 1779, he was one of the Crew of the Scho
=ner "Dolphin" Commanded by Capt. William Middle
=ton, that in a Cruse down the Chesapeak Bay, with the
Marquis De Layfayette on board, that the Marquis took
a Barge, made his Escape and arrived Safely at York, -
That the "Dolphin" fell into the hands of the Enemy, toge
=ther with all the Crew, - and were taken to England, and
Confined in Portune Prison, - That Captain Middleton
after being in Confinement about 12 or 15 months, made
his Escape, got over to France, and from thence worked
his passage to America, as will be seen by Reference
to a Copy of the Petition of Sarah Middleton, the Wi=
=dow of Capt. Middleton, accompanied with the latter
&c. from Genl. Lafayette, and filed in the archieves of
the House of Delegates of Maryland, and herewith -
Exhibited, and which he prays may be taken as a
part of this, his petition: That your petitioners
sufferings were Extreme, having remained in prison
nearly two years, - That your petitioner has never
applied for a pension, either to the State or General -
Government, - that he has lately been much afflicted,

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