The memorial of Sarah Middleton now residing in the City of
Baltimore, most respectfully represents to the Honorable General
Assembly of the State of Maryland, that her late Husband was an
officer during the Revolutionary war Commanding an armed Ch
=ooner Called the "Dauphin" and performed various and important
services; that in Discharge of those duties he was ordered to hold
himself in readiness to abide the orders of the Marquis Lafayette
he took the General on board at the City of Annapolis, he was or=
dered to proceed to York in Virginia the Chesapeake Bay being at
time greatly infested with British armed Vessels, the Marquis
thought it most advisable to take his barge at the mouth of Patuxe
=ent to prevent his capture and by the Husband of your memoria=
=list, keeping his station — opposite and abrest of the General
from thence; he arrived safe in York river where he found his
Brother Captn Gilbert Middleton waiting the arrival of to take
orders from Lafyatte and who was immediately ordered to be in
rediness to proceed to Annapolis with dispaches to the Governor of
Maryland the Husband of your memorialist William Middleton
was ordered [illegible] on board [illegible] to the
=red by [illegible] all treatment and a tedious [illegible]
[illegible] was confined together with all the Crew of the