



Tick the box when you hear the petitioner include one of these things:

- Evidence that they are honest
- A certificate from a doctor
- Wounds that prevent them from earning a living
- Loyalty to Parliament in the war
- Children to support
- Evidence that they have tried to earn money in other ways
- A personal appeal
- Humility
- Reference to God or prayer

## The humble petition of Elizabeth Farmer, widow

Your petitioner's late husband was a soldier under Captain John Wright for more than a year and afterwards was a soldier under Captain Selby. He received very little or no pay.

When your petitioner's late husband was fighting at Trent Bridge he was killed. Your poor petitioner is therefore penniless. She is also pregnant.

Therefore your petitioner's most humble request is that you would be pleased to take these circumstances into account and allow her some small part of her husband's pay which is owed to him so that she can live in an honest way.

And your petitioner will pray for you all.

## The humble petition of James Walker

Humbly shows that your petitioner fought in the service of Parliament in the county of Nottinghamshire. He was wounded in battle many times, losing his leg and his arm was broken and his hand slit. He was honestly employed as a tailor but is unable to work because he is so disabled.

He cannot earn money for his wife or six children and can hardly walk. He wishes not to be a burden on your worships and has sold all his worldly goods. He humbly begs that your worships will take his poor condition into your charitable consideration. He will pray to God for your worships.

## The humble petition of Sarah Bott, widow

She humbly shows

That the husband of your poor petitioner did voluntarily buy a horse and armour out of his own money and fight for parliament for two whole years. In this service it pleased God that after a great battle he died, leaving your petitioner with five small children in a very sad and dreadful condition, completely without any money to live on.

Your humble petitioner therefore makes bold humbly to address herself unto your worships humbly begging your worships for help, so that by the blessing of God and your worship's kindness she may be able to live and look after her children. She will pray to God who blesses widows and the fatherless children.

We the neighbours of this petitioner know her to be honest and hard-working and recommend that your worships grant her some money in our names

*John Fuller Vicar*  
*John Sorell Church warden*