

*Petition of Mary Webley, October 11, 1776, Norfolk, Legislative Petitions
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To the Honourable the Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Delegates

The Petition of the unfortunate Mary Webley late a Resident of the Borough of Norfolk
humbly sheweth

That your Petitioner on new Years Day last, while suckling her Child the youngest of three
now dependent on her, had her leg broken by a Cannon Ball from the Liverpool, Man of War

That her Husband from the Loss of his right arm upwards of twenty Years since is scarcely
able to maintain himself

That She hath at present no Ways or Means to procure Shelter or acquire Subsistence for her
herself and miserable little Children, her Husband and Self having had all their Effects totally
destroyed in the Flames of Norfolk from whence they have been drove in most distressful
Circumstances

Therefore prays this honourable House will on Consideration of the Premises grant unto her
such Aid and Relief as in their justice and mercy shall seem right. And your Petr &c &c &c