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Guilford Petition

The petition of your petitioners Humbly Sheweth that the Inhabitants of this County have laboured under some particular Difficulties Since the British come in pursuite of General Morgan; Our Salted provisions are taken, Our Cattle killed, many of our plantations discharged by the Enemy, That it is not probably provisions can be raised for our Families This Season & many of our Friends in the & the neighbouring Counties murdered by those Enemies of Mankind. On the little Property that is left, the Tories are frequently making Depredations Either privately Stealing, or publickly robing. Our Light Horse & Infantry frequently pursuing them; So that our Farms are Uncultivated, our Families Suffer, & other necessary Businesss Much neglected.

That the above grieances may be alleviated, we pray a Board of Auditors be appointed to sit in our County to examine & adjust our Claims.

We also pray that a Law be enacted directing the Commanding Officer in every County to take what Tories he can & keep them under a Sufficient Guard, & in the meantime publickly [illegible, page break] that for every property [illegible, page break] Retaliation shout be ^{made} on Such Tories. Prisoners as you in your Wisdom Judge proper, & your fetitioner as ^{to} Duty Bound Shall ever pray

What is a petition and what is its purpose?

Describe life in Guilford County in June 1781 for the citizens.

Describe life in Guilford County in June 1781 for the soldiers.

To whom do you think they'll send this petition? How might that person respond?

Choose one of the problems from this petition. How might they solve it?

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A letter by a group of people with a strong request or statement. The collective request may hold more weight with decision makers than numerous individual letters or messages.

<p>Describe life in Guilford County in June 1781 for the citizens.</p> <p>Their supplies are being taken by the Tories, their men are fighting so their crops aren't being planted, their animals killed, their land confiscated, and their friends and neighbors murdered. They are worried about having enough supplies to feed their families next winter if the situation continues.</p>	<p>Describe life in Guilford County in June 1781 for the soldiers.</p> <p>The soldiers must be in great need of supplies because they are stealing them from the citizens, so they must be very hungry. There must be constant conflicts if so many people are dying.</p>
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