

On Her Majesty's Service

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To His Grace The Master
General of The Ordnance and The Honble
Board

The Humble Petition of Charles
Stewart Mixing house Man at His Majesty's Royal
Powder Mills at Feversham

Most Humbly sheweth.

That the duty of Your Honours Petitioner
is to weigh and receive from the Storehouse
all the refined Salt Petre to carry it to the
Mills and Pulverize it to Sift it and weigh
it together with the Primestone and Charcoal
in proper Proportions for all the different
Mills daily to keep a regular Account
thereof for the Inspection of the Officers
and to attend every Morning at the Proof of
every Charge delivered out and to take an
Account thereof which duty Your Honours
Petitioner has always done to the Satisfaction
of the Respective Officers at an Allowance
of two Shillings a day the same as his Prede-
cessor Mr. James Morgan now Master Wothe
had. But Your Honours Petitioner most
humbly begs leave to observe that there
has of late been received from the Royal
Laboratory at Woolwich many Tons of
refined Salt Petre extracted from

Powder which not being sent in Whole Cakes and which for want of a proper Storehouse as your Honors Petition^r apprehends to dry it by Air your Honors Petitioner is obliged to carry the Sall Petre to the Steam Stove and attend the Drying it and then to carry it back to the Mill to Pulverize it And your Petitioner is obliged after the Working hours are over to employ some Hours in the Evening to make up the Accounts of the Day for which he has requested The Respective Officers to make him an additional Allowance but received for Answer that it was not in their power to relieve him without your Honors Orders, And as your Petitioner will have a still further increase of duty when the New Mills now erecting are compleated.

Your Petitioner therefore most humbly prays your Honors would please to take his case to consideration and Order the Respective Officers to make him such additional Allowance to his Pay as your Honors in your great Goodness shall think proper.

And your Honors Petitioner

18 Feb: 1783

As in duty bound shall
 Ever Pray
 Referred to the Respective
 Officers at Teverstham
 to Report G. C.