

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Petition of Holt Richeson VAS1954

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[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] King William County legislative petitions

To the Hon. the Speaker and Gentleman of the House of Delegates

The petition of Holt Richeson humbly Sheweth that your Petitioner served upwards of three years in the Service of the United States as a Major & Lt. Col. and that the Auditors of Public Accounts refuse to settle his Account for pay & Depreciation as the Law Directs by which means he is Deprived of his Certificates & the advantage of Interest arising on them for two years past owing as your Petitioner is informed by the Auditors to a Charge in their office against your Petitioner for twenty-one thousand pounds Paper Currency for the purpose of paying a Regiment of militia ordered to South Carolina under the command of your Petitioner, your Petitioner affirms that this money was paid into the Hands of Mr. William Royall the then pay master to the Regiment who your Petitioner conceives ought to be accountable for the same. He therefore prays the matter may be inquired into by your Honorable House in the Auditors Directed to settle your Petitioner's Accounts for his Arrears of Pay and depreciation and grant him Certificates for the same & your Petitioner as in Duty bound will ever pray &c

S/ H. Richeson



[Reverse]

Richeson's petition

May 14th 1784

Referred to Claims

Reasonable

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

[Note: The first two documents in this file are largely illegible as posted. One appears to be a certificate dated February 7, 1784 signed by James Quarles Major on State establishment stating that Richeson resigned as aid de camp to General Washington on May 26, 1779. The other is

completely illegible. A copy of the image of the first document appears as follows:

James Charles King
on 26th May 1779 given in my
hand this 7th Febry. 1784
James Charles King
Attorney at Law

The third document is a copy of the Commission given to Holt Richeson by the Committee of safety of Virginia as follows

THE COMMITTEE OF SAFETY FOR THE COLONY OF VIRGINIA

To *Holt Richeson Esq.*

BY Virtue of the Power and Authority to us given, by an Ordinance of the General Convention, we, reposing especial Trust in your Patriotism, Courage, and good Conduct, do by these Presents appoint you, the said *Holt Richeson Esq.* of the said Regiment of regular Forces raised for the Defence and Protection of this Colony, whereof *William Gungold Esquire* Esquire, is Colonel. You are therefore to be *provided with* Arms and Ammunition, as the Ordinances and Resolutions of the Convention direct. And you are to observe all such Orders and Directions, from Time to Time, as you shall receive from the Convention, the Committee of Safety, or your superior Officers, according to the Rules and Regulations established by the General Convention for the better Government of the regular Forces.

Edm. Braddock
John Page
Thos. Lud. Lee
P. Harrison
Charles Dugger
J. M. Cobell

GIVEN under our Hands, at *Richmond* this *24th* Day of *February* ANNO DOMINI 1781

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