

THE CATAWBA INDIAN COMPANY IN SUMTER'S BRIGADE

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The following paybill for Captain Thomas Drennan's company of Catawba Indians is located in the South Carolina Department of Archives and History in Columbia, SC, and is included in the accounts audited for claims growing out of Revolutionary War service, file number 3931-A, dated 21 June 1783. For additional information on the Catawbas' service during the Revolution, see Douglas Summers Brown, *The Catawba Indians: The People of the River* (Columbia: USC Press, 1966), pp. 267-270. Note that 10 shillings per day (10/s) was the standard pay rate for an infantry private in the South Carolina militia; 20 shillings per day (20/s) was the pay rate for a mounted private in the South Carolina militia.—MCS

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Paybill of Captain Thomas Drennan's Company of
 Catawba Indians and in the comand of Gen^l. Thomas Sumpter
 in the State of South Carolina Servis—for the year 1780
 and Liekwise in the year 1781=2 &^c

	Days		£	s
Cap ^t . Thomas Drennan	98	@ 70s	343	
1 Gen ^l . Newriver	52	@ 10s	26	
2 John Brown	98	@ 10s	49	
3 Robbin	52	@ 10s	26	
4 Willis dec ^d . killed @ Roc ^k . M ^t . (has wife & children)	25	@ 10s	12	10
5 Suggar Jamey	98	@ 10s	49	
6 Pin[e]tree George	52	@ 10s	26	
7 Morrison	52	@ 10s	26	
8 Henry White	52	@ 10s	26	
9 John Cagg	52	@ 10s	26	
10 Quash	98	@ 10s	49	
11 Littel Mick	98	@ 10s	49	
12 Patrick Readhead	52	@ 10s	26	
13 Billy Williams	52	@ 10s	26	
14 Big Jamey	52	@ 10s	26	
15 Billy Cagg	98	@ 10s	49	
16 John Connan	52	@ 10s	26	
17 Doctor John	52	@ 10s	26	
18 Chunkey Pipe	98	@ 10s	49	
19 Cap ^t . Petter	52	@ 10s	26	
20 Billy otter	52	@ 10s	26	
21 Littel Aleck	98	@ 10s	49	
22 John Eayrs	44	@ 10s	22	

23 Petter Harris ¹	44	@ 10s	22	
24 Jacob Earys	44	@ 10s	22	
25 billey Readhead	44	@ 10s	22	
26 John Tompson	44	@ 10s	22	
27 Jove	44	@ 10s	22	
28 Pattrick Brown	44	@ 10s	22	
29 George Cantey	44	@ 10s	22	
30 Jacob Scott	44	@ 10s	22	
31 bobb	44	@ 10s	22	
32 James Eayrs	44	@ 10s	22	
33 Littel Stephen	44	@ 10s	22	
34 Littel Charley	44	@ 10s	22	
			967	10

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	Days		£	s
35 John Celliah	44	@ 10s	22	
36 Petter George	10	@ 10s	5	
37 George White	10	@ 10s	5	
38 Jack Simmons	98	@ 10s	49	
39 Billey Scott	10	@ 10s	5	
40 Young John	10	@ 10s	5	
41 Tom Cook	10	@ 10s	5	
			96	
	from other side		987	10
			£ 1083	10

White Men Mathew Brown 20 days
Michael Delou 52 days. Ralph Smith 14 days.

State of S. Carolina }
York District }

Appeared Tho^s. Drennan who being Duly Sworn made Oath that the above Pay Bill is just & true
for the Services herein mentioned

Sworn before me this 21st June 1783

W^m. Tate J. P.

¹ Peter Harris had served previous tours of duty in a battalion of Georgia minutemen (3 July 1777-1 March 1778) and the Third South Carolina Continental Regiment (February 1779-February 1780). While with the Third SC Regiment, he fought in the Battles of Stono Ferry (20 June 1779) and the Siege of Savannah (September-October 1779). After the war he received a bounty land grant and a pension from South Carolina. See Michael C. Scoggins, *Relentless Fury: The Revolutionary War in the Carolina Piedmont* (Rock Hill, SC: Culture & Heritage Museums, 2006), 41-42.

[Second Paybill]

List of Those Indians who did Service which cannot be vouched for

Gen ^l . Newriver	38 days & 1 Hog
Cap ^t . Quash	d ^o .
Cap ^t . Peter	d ^o . & 2 Hogs
Jn ^o . Brown	d ^o . & 1 Hog
Peter Harris	d ^o . & a Rifle £50
Jacob Scott	d ^o .
Jacob Eayres	d ^o .
Peter George	d ^o .
John Cagg	d ^o .
Little Charley	d ^o .
Jammy Joyner	d ^o .
Billey Otter	d ^o .
Col ^l . John Eayres	d ^o . 2 Beef
Billey Scott	d ^o .
Little Allack	d ^o .
Tom Cook	d ^o .
Sugar Jemmy	d ^o .
Gilbert [illegible]	d ^o .
Robin	d ^o .
Little Mick	d ^o .
Jn ^o . Thompson	d ^o .
Joe	d ^o .
Little Stephen	
Billey Cagg	& One Horse Sad ^l . & Brid ^l . £150
Billey Redhead	
Billey Williams	
Jn ^o . Kelliah	
Cap ^t . Redhead	
Tom Cook	& 1 Hog £5
Henry White	
George Harris	
Pinetree George	
Chukeface Jemmy	
Bob	
John Nettles	
All for 58 days	
Jno. Thompson	1 Hog
John Scott	1 Hog

Geo. White Horse £ 40/5s lost at Sumters Defeat, who also asserts that he was 80 days @ 20/s²
£ 80
40
5
£125

² Sumter's Defeat, better known as the Battle of Fishing Creek, took place in Chester County, SC, on 18 August 1780. While camped at the confluence of Fishing Creek and the Catawba River, General Sumter's militia brigade was attacked and defeated by British troops under Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton. Many of Sumter's men lost their horses, weapons, and clothing during the battle. The pay rate indicated (20 shillings/day) was the pay for a mounted private in the militia.