

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Records relating to Adrian (Adrien] Preveaux (Provoux) BLWt1761-300 f/SC

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SC	Preveaux Adrian	B.L. Wt. 1761-300	Capt.
		Issued June 4, 1792 to	
		David Cay, assignee	
		no papers	

Heitman's Historical Register gives this name as Adrian Proveaux

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Adrien Provoux & Lavacher de St. Marie
Audited Account No. 6149

Transcribed by Will Graves

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[undated petition]

To his Excellency William Moultrie Governor of the State of South Carolina

We the underwritten A. Provoux and Lavacher de St. Marie, both Captains in the Continental Service, & attached to this State in particular, from the critical situation of our Affairs, hope your Excellency will be pleased to pardon the Liberty we take in addressing your Excellency in this manner, in soliciting your Assistance in representing our case to the Honorable the House of Representatives.

Firstly, we beg leave to inform your Excellency that we have both served in the Continental Line, and under this State in particular, and that from the beginning of the war to the glorious days of peace and we flatter ourselves that during that period which lasted seven or eight years we have acquitted ourselves with that honor, which the nature of the cause and our station required, Both Strangers, we have supported the Frowns of Fortune to this day, equal to those who are now again in peaceful possession of their properties in many circumstances, we have lost through fire & other calamities what did belong to us, Plundered & made prisoners of War, yet all this we endured for the Glory of our Cause, and without the least complaint.

Far from our native country & Family still the only support we could expect was during the Calamities from that Quarter, but even in this our hopes were frustrated for notwithstanding

¹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts are available on microfilm at the South Carolina Department of Archives & History in Columbia, SC. They will eventually be available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. The file number has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

the repeated efforts of our friends in transmitting us the needful at various Times the British deprived us of these means – The present critical Times have prevented us from making good our losses, at the same time besides our subsistence & clothing, we have from decorum been obliged to support the rank of officers, which has naturally involved us in debt, with those who have been pleased to repose their confidence in us, but who are now continually dunning and threatening us, if we do not immediately settle, and with pain we advance that one of us, has already experienced the mortification of a writ being issued out against him for the Trivial sum of £10 Sterling which was out of his power to acquit;

Humbly we beg leave to observe to your Excellency that all the Foreign officers belonging to the Continental line, who have settled their accounts to the northward have received as a recompense of their services and on account of what is due to them, gratifications which the Generosity of Congress and the States in particular to which they were attached thought just to allow them, that they might thereby be enabled to return to their several Homes; But this is not the case with us, who have been honored with the service of this State, on the contrary instead of deriving any benefit whatsoever we have been spending considerable parts of our Fortunes.

At the Time we were prisoners and in the greatest distress we were reduced to draw Bills of Exchange on our relations and Friends at the exorbitant loss of 25 & 30 p ct. [%] since the peace not receiving any further assistance from our friends nor any support from this state, we have been forced to the necessity of contracting debts which amount to more than £200 Sterling each and now labor under the loathsome mortification of appearing before a Tribunal. Many other circumstances we could allege the effects of which may be attended with very disagreeable consequences to us, were we not under the apprehension of intruding on your Excellency's goodness, we shall therefore finish this humble request in most respectful soliciting your Excellency's Protection, in representing and supporting our cause by a particular message to the Honorable House of Representatives, now sitting in this City, that it may be so ordained by that respectable body, that in consideration of our Misfortunes & services more particularly so as strangers, or Sufficiency may be allowed us to extricate ourselves from our present difficulties and put it in our power by paying our debts, to evade the grievance, persecution of creditors & enable us once more to return to our family & friends to regulate and settle our affairs, which from so long and absence have considerably suffered. We have the honor to subscribe ourselves with the utmost respect.

Your Excellency's
most Obedient & humble Servants

The image shows a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to be "A. B. P." followed by a flourish. Below the signature is a circular seal or stamp, also in cursive script, which appears to be "Leveche de St. Marie". The entire signature and seal are set against a dark, textured background.

[p 18: cover sheet appears to be dated only "1778" and names a committee of 3 men, namely Mr. Bowman, Mr. Smith and Doct. Drayton]

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina
The humble Petition of Adrien Provaux
Sheweth

That your Petitioner presented a Petition to your Honorable Houses pending your last Session, wherein he exhibited certain Claims against this State, for services rendered and monies laid out and expended by him in behalf of the American Cause in the Course of last War:

That your Honorable Houses were then pleased to approve of and allow the justice of said Claims, but being of a common rather than a local or partial Nature, your Honorable Houses were of Opinion that your Petitioner should apply for relief to the Congress of the United States:

That your Petitioner did accordingly prefer a Petition to that Honorable Body, laying before them at the same time, a full statement of his Case, with proper Vouchers in support of his Claim; But that for want of a Resolve of your Honorable Houses in support thereof the same has not yet been reported upon, to the utter disappointment and great grievance of your suffering Petitioner.

That therefore, your Petitioner humbly submits his Case to the decision of your Honorable Houses; earnestly Praying that you would be pleased to pass a Resolve to back his said Petition, now in the hands of the Honorable, the Secretary of War in order to his receiving that compensation from the United States, to which the unanimous Suffrage of your Honorable Houses last Session pronounced him entitled: –

That the amount of the said Claims as has been already exhibited to you your Honorable Legislature, and as the same has been stated to Congress, is two hundred and ninety five pounds 19/4 exclusive of Interest; being Money laid out by your Petitioner from his private Fortune in raising, equipping and transporting a Body of young Men from Cape Francois in the year 1777 for the Service of this State in particular – and which Was never been reimbursed.

And your Petitioner in duty bound will ever Pray!

S/ Adrien Provaux

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Adrien Provaux". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. Below the name, there are several large, sweeping loops and flourishes that extend across the width of the signature.

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The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Captain Adrian Provaux recommend that the prayer of said petition be granted.