

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant of Solomon Halling BLWt54-450

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Wilmington North Carolina September 24th 1802

Sir,

From an advertisement under your signature, I observed that those who conceive themselves entitled to the Bounty Lands, are to make application for the same before the 1st day of January 1803. Assured that I have some title to demand the proportion allotted to a Senior Surgeon in the Military Hospitals, during our Revolutionary war, – having acted in the different capacities of a mate – second and Senior Surgeon in the General Hospital, in the Middle and Southern Departments; – I have to request, Sir, that this Letter may be considered as my claim for the same.

I have the honor to subscribed myself, Sir, with the greatest respect, your obedient humble Servant

S/ Solomon Halling, late Senior Surgeon
in the General Military Hospital

The Honble
The Secretary of War

Wilmington North Carolina September 24th 1802

Dear Sir,

Having lately observed in several of our newspapers, an advertisement under the signature of the Honorable Henry Dearborn, the Secretary of War; and long assured that I was entitled to the Congressional Bounty Lands, as an Hospital Surgeon, in our Revolutionary War, but ignorant in what manner or to whom to make application for the same, until this publication appeared, and it being necessary that my title to my portion of the same should be made before the first day of January 1803; – I therefore have presumed to use the freedom of addressing myself to you, being encouraged thereto from your experienced politeness and attention towards me. –

I observed that it is necessary to prove my having served either during the war, or that I was among the number of those Officers who were arranged by order of Congress – I believe, Sir, that you can testify [could be 'certify'] my services, and that I was succeeded by Doctor William Read, as a Senior Surgeon in the Hospitals in the Southern Department, my want of health preventing my serving longer in the Southern States. –

I can also produce, if necessary, certificates from Dr. William Shippen and Dr. Benjamin Rush, the Director & Surgeon General of the Hospital in the Middle Department, previous to my departure from that Department, upon my appointment to attend General Lincoln as his Surgeon. – I can also, if it should be requisite, – obtain vouchers of my extra services with the North Carolina militia under the command of General Ashe [John Ashe] – And in addition, – The Books of the Mr. Pearce will shew that I have received my final settlement certificates, – which will evidence that the duration of my services, entitle me to my bounty Lands. –

I entered the General Hospital in April 1776, as a mate, was promoted as a Junior or Second Surgeon, upon the formation of that office. – In August 1779 I was advanced to the grade of a Senior Surgeon in the Southern Department – and received pay and depreciation until May 1782. –

Suffer me, Sir, to ask the favor that you would speak to the Secretary of War in my behalf, to whom I write by the this post, – and also to request your advice in this business, by the earliest opportunity or as soon as convenient, and you will singularly oblige

Dear Sir,

your most obedient and very humble servant

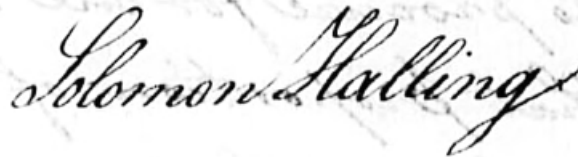
S/ Solomon Halling

The Honorable Tucker Harris
Treasurer of the United States

North Carolina New Hanover County: SS

Know all men by these Presents That I Solomon Halling of the Town of Wilmington in the County of New Hanover in the State of North Carolina, have constituted, made and appointed and by these Presents, do constitute, make and appointment, the Honorable Thomas T Tucker, the Treasurer of the United States of America, my true and lawful Attorney, for me and in my name and stead, to procure for me and in my behalf, a Warrant for that proportion of Bounty Lands, to which I may be entitled, as a Senior Surgeon in the General Military Hospitals of the United States, during our late Revolutionary War, by Act of the Honorable the Congress of the United States. And I do hereby also in power the said Honorable Thomas T Tucker, to have the said Lands, located in my name; Giving and Granting to my said Attorney by these Presents, full and whole power, strength and authority in and about the Premises, and in my name, to do, execute and perform as fully, largely and amply, to all intents and purposes, as I might or could do, if personally present, or if the matter required more special authority than is herein given, Ratifying, Allowing and holding for firm and effectual, All and whatsoever, He my said Attorney shall lawfully do in about the Premises, by virtue hereof.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, at Wilmington in the County and State aforesaid, this 19th day of May, in the 27th year of American Independence, Annoque Domini 1803.



[Attested by Cha. Carrol, NP]

I Tucker Harris, M. D. of Charleston So Carolina and formally a Senior Surgeon in the General Hospital of the United States of America, in the Southern Department, do hereby

Solemnly Certify, that Doctor Solomon Halling was taken prisoner at Briar Creek in Georgia by the British Troops, in the Action with General Ash. That I afterwards met him at the United States Hospital at Tubley's ferry as one of the Surgeons in said Hospital, just before the Siege of Savannah, & that he afterwards, from his ill State of Health, found it necessary to obtain leave of Absence from the Hospital. Witness my Hand at Charleston So Carolina this 1st December 1802.

S/ Tucker Harris M. D.

Tucker Harris: M.D.

I do hereby certify that Dr. Solomon Halling served as a mate in the military hospitals of the United States under my care in the year 1777, and that he discharged his duty in that capacity with fidelity. I have good reason to believe he served in the hospitals before and after the year 1777, but I do not recollect the times of his prior & subsequent Services.

S/ Benj.ⁿ Rush

Philadelphia November 16 1802

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*Philadelphia
November 16. 1802*

Philadelphia November 17 1802

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S/ Shippen

late Director

M. H.

Philadelphia Nov. 17
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