

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nicholas Bartlett S33986

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

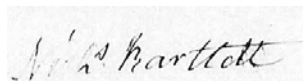
Be it remembered, That I Nicholas Bartlett, Aged 69 of Marblehead in the County of Essex in the Commonwealth aforesaid, doth make upon oath the following Declaration, to wit,

That I served in the naval service of the United States in the American Revolutionary war -- that I entered May 1st 1776 as first Lieutenant on board the United States Schooner of war *Hancock* -- Samuel Tucker, Commander and was employed cruising against the Enemy until February 15, 1777 -- then left the said schooner by request of the Board of war -- did take charge and command of the Brig *Penet* -- in the service of Government to go to France for military stores proceeded on this voyage and returned to Boston, July 1777 with a cargo of powder -- arms, clothing &c -- for the Army of the United States.

I further testify and declare -- That being in Holland, I entered June 6th 1780, a Lieutenant under Commodore Gillon [Alexander Gillon]¹ in the Frigate *South Carolina*² -- in the Naval Service, United States and was employed cruising against the Enemy until September 27 A.D. 1781 -- was then honorably discharged.

That the Declarant is infirm; that from his reduced circumstances in life he is now in need of assistance from his country for support; and that he hereby relinquishes his claim to every pension heretofore allowed him by the laws of the United States.

S/ Nich^s Bartlett



¹ [Alexander Gillon W25629](#)

² *South Carolina*.

Footnote: 112-116, 119, 120, SchV:55, M:274, privateer man of war of 40 guns, 1355 tons, manned by 540 men, which left the Texel (the Netherlands) on 25 August 1781, with SC Navy Commodore Alexander Gillon in command. This vessel was the property of France, originally the *Indien*, built in Holland, loaned to the State of South Carolina for 3 years for privateering. It took part in the Spanish/American capture of Nassau in 1782, under Capt. John Joyner. The ship was taken by the British in Sept. 1782, and crew sent to prison in New York. One of its prizes was taken Sep 1781 and one of its prize crew sent to Mill Prison. (Clark: I:138 shows her captured 19 Dec 1782, by the British *Astrea*, *Diomeda*, *Quebec*. The ship is said to have arrived in New York on 24 Dec.) Ford1782:309, 632, 703, Ford1784:332. JA6:295, 9:491. CTN: 58. CTP: 123. Footnote: 120-121, Caleb Footnote served as a seaman on the *South Carolina* for 14 months. DaviesXIX: 2156, Germans in crew. Volo: 53. Silverstone: 20. Paullin: 448. Chappelle: 96, 116. Coggins: 102.

<http://www.awiatsea.com/Other/Hough%20List%20S.html>

See also: James A. Lewis, *Neptune's Militia: The Frigate South Carolina during the American Revolution*, Kent, Ohio: The Kent State University Press, 1999

Affidavit

I George Tucker of Marblehead in the County and Commonwealth aforesaid, Marine do on oath depose and testify,

That Nicholas Bartlett -- who has made the within declaration -- was Lieutenant on board the Schooner *Hancock* -- Samuel Tucker Commander and was employed in the United States Naval Service in the American Revolutionary War, -- for the time within mentioned

And I believe that the within written declaration made by the said Nicholas Bartlett is true.

S/ George Tucker

Additional Proof

I, Robert Pierce of Marblehead in the County of Essex, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Sail Maker do on solemn oath testify and depose, as follows: --

I well know Capt. Nicholas Bartlett, who subscribed the annexed Declaration, I well know that he entered the service of the U. States in the American Revolutionary War, that on the first of May 1776 he entered as first Lieutenant on board the Continental Schooner of War *Hancock*, Samuel Tucker Commander, and served on board said Schooner until the 15th day of February 1777, when he was ordered by the Board of War to take the charge of the US Brig *Penet*, and that he went to France and procured a quantity of Military Stores & returned to Boston in July 1777 with a cargo of Powder, Arms, clothing &c for the Army, and I was myself in the service and knew him at the time & his declaration is true.

S/ Robert Pearce³

I John Teshew of Marblehead aforesaid testify and depose that the facts stated in the above affidavit of Robert Pierce are true.

S/ John Teshew⁴

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁵ relating to Nicholas Bartlett
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 337B

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[illegible]

155.15.3 On Board the South Carolina [several words too faint to discern] 30th
September 1781

[indecipherable word or words] Thirty days sight Please to Pay to Mr. Nicholas Bartlett or Order the Sum of One Hundred & Fifty-five Pounds fifteen Shillings 3 Pence being the Balance of Pay due him for his Services as Second & First Lieutenant on Board the Ship *South Carolina* Captain John Joyner from the 6th June 1780 to the 27th Inst. he having Resigned his Commission & left the Ship on that Day and [indecipherable word] the same to [indecipherable words]

To His Excellency John Rutledge Esquire
Governor & Commander in Chief of

Your Obedient Humble Servant
S/ John Joyner

³ FPA R8029

⁴ FPA S33786

⁵ 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 State of South Carolina



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Received Philadelphia 18 July 1782 of Admiral Gillon his order on Mr. J. W. Stanty [sic, J. W. Stanley] for fifty-five Pounds 15/3 Sterling being as much Received in part of the within certificate of balance of wages due me from the State of South Carolina

S/ Nicholas Bartlett



Nicholas Bartlett

Certified that on comparing this order & receipt with the Portage Bill Book that the Balance of One Hundred Pounds Sterling is justly Stated June ye 26th 1787

S/ A. Gillon [Alexander Gillon]

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The State of South Carolina to Nicholas Bartlett Dr.
1781

September 30th To Balance of pay due him for his Services, as second & first Lieutenant on board the ship *South Carolina* Captain John Joyner from 6th June 1780 to 27th Instant as appear by Captain Joiners Bill of Exchange dated this day, drawn on his Excellency John Rutledge Esquire & payable to said Bartlett, at thirty days after sight for the sum of one hundred & fifty-five Pounds, fifteen shillings & three pence Sterling, which Bill is herewith annexed

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July 18 by Recd from Commodore Gillon his order on Mr. J. W. Stanley for Fifty-five pounds fifteen Shillings & three pence Sterling in part of the above Account as appears by the rec'd on the Back of the above ment. Bill

Balance due Nicholas Bartlett

£100

[p 6: Form of indent No. 726 Book C dated November 9, 1790 issued to Mr. Nicholas Bartlett "for the Sum of Ninety-seven Pounds, nineteen Shillings and two pence Sterling for balance of Pay due him as a Lieutenant on Board the Frigate *South Carolina* – Also for Wages due his Servant per Certificate from the Auditor General."]