

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Roger Cantley SC1175
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Petition of Roger Cantley Praying compensation for Service rendered during the Revolutionary War

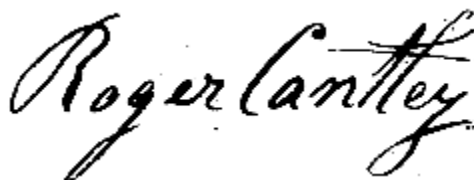
House suspended the order of the day to receive this Petition & refer it to the Com Claims –
[probably the committee to review claims for compensation for service during the revolution]

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To the Honorable, the Speaker, & other Members of the House of Representatives.

The petition of Roger Cantley of Williamsburgh district, humbly Sheweth; that he was a Soldier, in defense of the liberty of his Country, during the revolutionary war with Great Britain – that he served, faithfully, as a Soldier for the time stated in the subjoined statement & affidavit, that he is now Sixty years of age, & have a considerable family that his circumstances in life are very humble; and that he has now great difficulty to sustain his family – He therefore prays your Honorable Body to take his case into your consideration, & grant him such relief as has been granted to other indigent & aged men, who were, with, him, your Petitioner, Soldiers in the said War: and as in duty bound your petitioner will ever pray
Williamsburgh 5 December 1821

S/ Roger Cantley



[p 5: an identical petition addressed to the South Carolina Senate]

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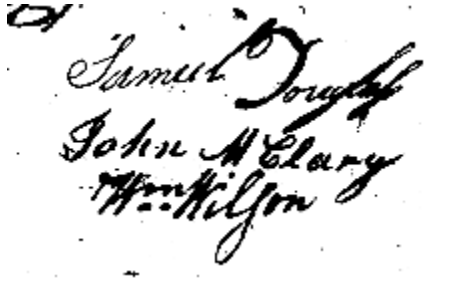
We the undersigned, being soldiers in the Revolutionary War, do hereby Certify, that we served with the said Roger Cantley during the War, & believed the service stated in the subjoined statement, to which he has attested, to be just and true & that he is a very poor man and has a large family.

Given under our hands at Williamsburgh this 3rd December 1781

S/ Samuel Douglass²

S/ John McClary

S/ William Wilson



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State of South Carolina Williamsburgh district }

I John Gordon Senior being an Officer in the Revolutionary War do hereby certify that I was acquainted with Roger Cantley during the said War, & believe the service stated in the subjoined statement, to be just & true and that he is a very poor man and has a large family

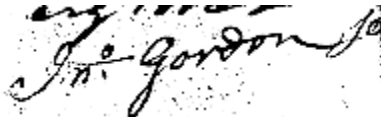
Williamsburgh

3rd December 1781

a Lieutenant

in the revolutionary war

S/ Jno. Gordon Se.



I do hereby certify that I have known Roger Cantley for a number of years and I believe him to be a man in indigent circumstances with a considerable family & that his family will have difficulty to find support especially the ensuing year, from the inclemency of the last summer

S/ Thomas Witherspoon

Williamsburgh 5 December 1821

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The State of South Carolina

To Roger Cantley

Dr.

To two Years Service as a private
Soldier in Captain Daniel Conyers'
Country of Cavalry under the Command
of General Thomas Marion, during
part of the year 1780, 81 & 1782.

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State of South Carolina Williamsburgh District }

Personally appeared before me James Lovell Justice of the peace for said State, Roger Cantley who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that the services stated above were done and rendered as a Soldier in the Revolution & that he has never received from the State aforesaid or otherwise any Compensation for the same.

Sworn to and subscribed

before me this 13th November 1822

S/ J. Lovell, JP

S/ Roger Cantley

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The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Roger Cantley

Report. That the Petitioner represents himself to have been a Soldier in the revolutionary war, & presents an account against the State for two years service rendered during the year 1780, 81, 82. The Committee have every reason to believe Mr. Cantley was a Soldier during the Revolutionary war & a friend to his Country. They feel a strong disposition therefore to afford the relief he asks in his old age – but do not think themselves authorized to afford a precedent of paying from a simple Affidavit of the Individual for services stated by him to have been rendered but not otherwise sufficiently proved. The Committee for these reasons though with regret recommend that the prayer of the petition be rejected.

S/ Benjamin Huger, Chairman

5th December 1822