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South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to John Chavis SC1319 AA8
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In Senate

The Petition of John Chavis a free man of colour praying to be placed on the Pension List

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To the Honorable the President and Members of the Senate of South Carolina
Sheweth

That your Petitioner sometime in the year 1780 enlisted in Captain Mattock's [David Mattock's] Company and that he served in said Company and the Company of Captain Cronicle [William Chronicle]² until near the close of the war when he was discharged on account of the many wounds he received in an engagement with some Tories near the North Carolina line at a place called Ramseur's [Ramseur's Mill, June 20, 1780].³ Your Petitioner is now old and by reason of the said wounds is unable to support himself by his Labour and therefore prays your Honorable Body to place him on the pension list, and your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

S/ John Chavis, X his mark

Test

S/ R. P. McCord

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State of Georgia Effingham County} Personally came before me Benjamin Kennedy One of the Justices of the said County Jacob Solter⁴ who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with John Chavis and that he was in the regular Service in the old revolutionary war under the command of Colonel Tomson [William Thomson of SC] and then General Linchorn [Benjamin Lincoln] & he further Deposeth and saith that he has taken on Oath previous before Chrⁿ Keulten [?] Esqr. in behalf of said John Chavis, which he has taken an oath before Alexander McGrew that he lost which he wishes me to furnish him with another affidavit as he could not obtain a copy of the former Oath taken before Esquire Keulten –

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² The unit commanders he names were officers in the NC Militia.

³ https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ramseurs_mill.html

⁴ [Jacob Solter \(Salter\) S38349](#)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th day of November in the year 1823
S/ Benjamin Kennedy, JP S/ Jacob Solter

Jacob Solter

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The Report of the Committee on Pensions on the Petition of John Chaves [sic]

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The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the petition of John Chavis a free man of color praying to be placed on the Pension list
Report that they had his petition and vouchers under consideration and are of opinion that the prayer thereof should be granted and that he should be placed on the pension list

S/ Benbow
Chairman

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Petition of Joseph Streable praying remuneration for monies paid on account John Chavus [sic]
Claims

Rejected

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To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives

The Petition of Joseph Streable Humbly Sheweth, that about the year 1823, John Chavis a free man of colour applied by petition to your Honorable body for to be placed on the pension list for his many services, and severe wounds he had received in the revolutionary war, the said petition was reported favorably on by the committee in Senate, and he was only denied it being granted in consequence of his not having appointed a guardian (which law he was ignorant of) previously to such application, this circumstance together with a letter given the said John Chavis by the then members of your Honorable body from one Parish saying there was no doubt he would get the pension at the next Session of the Legislature, this letter was written for the express purpose of keeping the aforesaid John Chavis from want and great suffering, with the view of humanity, the favorable manner his the said John Chavis' petition was received by your Honorable body, and on the faith and assertion of the above mentioned letter – your Petitioner was induced though in the midst of poverty himself with no other support than a good fame, to become security for the aforesaid poor old veteran to save him from starving, and in order to save the poor old man, as nearly become bankrupt himself – for before the promised Session which would have relieved his wants the said John Chavis was killed by the fall of a tree. Your Petitioner therefore prays your Honorable body to remunerate him for his charity to one so deserving your support as the aforesaid John Chavis – particularly when the same requisite is to be made as one hundred and ten Dollars

S/ Matthews, 25 November 1825

S/ Joseph Streable

Joseph Streable