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South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Asa Cole and numerous others as sailors and officers on the Frigate South Carolina SC1926 AA41
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1880A

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The Petition of Asa Deloziar [indexed under Asa Delozeair and signed as such] Attorney for Sundry persons praying that Interest be allowed him on monies paid for services done on board the Ship *South Carolina*
Claims

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The Honorable the President and Members of the Senate of South Carolina

The humble Petition of Asa Deloziar sheweth,

That he as Attorney for the following named persons viz. – Asa Cole,² John Edwards, Joseph Ashard, Joseph English, Isaac Clarke, George Patterson,³ John Leit [sic, John Liet],⁴ John Spencer, John Ervin,⁵ Samuel Bulfinch,⁶ Roland Sandiford,⁷ Catherine Bantlion Administrator of Andrew Dice and Susanna Stoy Administrator of John Stoy, who were officers and sailors enrolled in and served on board of the Ship *South Carolina* Commanded by Commodore Gillian [sic Alexander Gillon]⁸ –

That under the Act of your Honorable House passed in December in the year 1807 he made application to the Comptroller General for the several sums due the above named persons, for their services on board of said frigate and that your Petitioner received from that officer a warrant on the Treasury for the amount of Principal only the Comptroller stating to your petitioner that he was not authorized by the said Law to allow Interest on the said claims.

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² [Asa Cole SC1723](#)

³ [George Patterson SC1723](#)

⁴ [John Liet SC1723](#)

⁵ [John Irvin SC1723](#)

⁶ [SC992 Samuel Bulfinch](#)

⁷ South Carolina Account Audited No. 6734A under the name Rowland Sandifort

⁸ [Alexander Gillon W25629](#)

That your Petitioner prays your Honorable body to direct the Comptroller General to calculate the Interest on the amount which has already been paid and to pay the same to your Petitioner as their attorney,
And he will ever pray.

S/ Asa Delozeair



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The Committee on Claims to Whom was referred the Petition of Asa Delosier [sic] as Attorney for Certain persons whose names were enrolled on the Portage Bill Book of the Frigate *South Carolina* for interest on a Sum of money Paid him on their account in the year 1808 – Report that they have duly considered the same and find that there has always been a sum of money in the Treasury unemployed and unproductive of Interest out of which the State of South Carolina was at all times ready to Pay the amount of the debts due to the said Claimants, and only required them to produce such Proofs of their Identity and Authority to claim, as would justify the State aforesaid in Paying over the amount [paper torn and text missing] due – your Committee have to observe [paper torn and text missing] similar use to this before them – Interest was [several undeciphered words] the Petitioners, but your Committee are of opinion that the Honorable the Legislature was activated more by Commiseration for the forlorn and destitute situation of the Petitioners, then from a Conviction of the justice of the measure – And that this Act of theirs ought not to be considered as a Precedent by which they should in future be governed – your [Committee] therefore of opinion that the Prayer of the Petitioners ought not to be granted.

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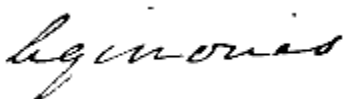
The Committee on Claims to whom was referred the Memorial of William Harper and David Harper Means, Executors of the last will and testament of David Coalter deceased, who was the Assignee of Asa Delozier, the reputed agent, or attorney, of sundry persons who allege, they have claims on this State, for services performed during the Revolutionary War, on board the “Frigate *South Carolina*”.

Beg leave respectfully to report

That they have with an anxious desire to finally adjust the claims of the memorialists, entered into an investigation thereof; surrounded and encumbered as it must necessarily be with all the difficulties and embarrassments which a transaction characterized as this is, with a retrospect in relation to many material facts, dependent in a great degree upon detached and irreconcilable documentary evidence as well as the frail and imperfect memories of man – for nearly a half century.

It has been made apparent to your committee, that the legislature did, in the year 1807, authorize the Comptroller General of the State,

“to pay such sums as are due by the State to such of the legionnaires[?]”⁹ and other persons who were on board the said Frigate while in the Service of the State, or, there assignees, or their authorized agents; Provided he shall be satisfied of the identity of the claimants, and the authority and sufficiency of the assignments and



powers exhibited by the assignees, or attorneys, of such creditors of the State –; And that in any case in which he shall see fit, he be authorized to institute or join in any suit, or feigned issued necessary or advisable to by the validity of such claims so that, no further application to the Legislature, may be necessary And if the Claimants, in any such suit, or issue, be successful therein, the Comptroller General is hereby authorized to give him, a warrant therefore”

Your committee, also find, that a bill was filed in the Court of Equity in Columbia District at the instance of Matthew Matthewman and others (the alleged claimants) against the then Comptroller General; to which he, by the Solicitation of said district, has filed his answer – wherein the question of identity, is made a material point for adjudication. That a Reference was made to the Commissioners of the said Court by Order of the Court, who reported that, Asa Crandle, John Cushing, John Connor, James Tooly, John Boyd, John Callahan,¹⁰ Joseph Delescout [possibly, Joseph Delcourt, a Frenchman], Simon Ditsold, James Connor, John Sheppard, Patrick Driver, Job Witherale [Job Wetherall (Wetherell)],¹¹ Francis Brauham, John Craw,¹² William Brown,¹³ Ruben Tucker,¹⁴ Ellis Elliot, Ellis Elvell, Jonathan Glover, Thomas Smith, John Barrell, Giles Rogers,¹⁵ William McCassett, Jacob Tucker, Matthew Matthewman, John Bowers, Daniel Manchester, John Raybarry, William Ray,¹⁶ Samuel Perry, David Earles, James Pike, Richard Lunt,¹⁷ Joshua Bowen, Daniel Love, Samuel Parry, Henry Larrance, Thomas Williams,¹⁸ John Mayott, Amos Anderson, John Bulkley, John Boyme, Samuel Boyland, George Champayne, Joseph Coaken, Philip Rosser, John Chandler, John Dawson, Nicholas Fountain, Edward Bowen, Francis Barry [possibly Francois Baré, a Frenchman], Nicholas Boyett, Henry Dracon, John Evins,¹⁹ Francis Foussard, Richard Davis, John Bulger, Caleb Foot, Ellis Eunsilemant and Isaac Duvall, were in the service and employment of the State of South Carolina, on board the “Frigate *South Carolina*” during the Revolutionary War. Mary Dick and Sarah Fitzgerald are the widows of James Dick²⁰ and William Fitzgerald who were also in said service, on board of said Ship. Ellis Bartlett, the daughter of Jonathan Bartlett²¹ who was likewise in said Ship who, together with her mother Ellis Bartlett, the widow of Jonathan and Sally Bartlett another daughter are all the heirs to his estate. The report of the Commissioner of the Court of Equity, proceeds further and states that the evidence is clear to establish this fact, that the persons named in this report were in the service of the said State of South Carolina on board the “Frigate *South Carolina*” for certain periods during the Revolutionary War; And, that the powers of Attorney given by the above named persons are regularly executed, and Sufficient to authorize the Attorney, therein named, to receive the amounts due to them – which said report was confirmed by the court of Equity, for Columbia District in June Term 1818 –: Your committee, also finds, that the evidence upon which the aforesaid decree was founded, was taken

¹⁰ [John Calahan SC1723](#)

¹¹ South Carolina Account Audited No. 8387

¹² [John Craw SC1723](#)

¹³ [William Brown SC1723](#) Robert

¹⁴ South Carolina Account Audited No. 7927

¹⁵ South Carolina Account Audited No. 6570

¹⁶ [William Rev SC1723](#)

¹⁷ [Richard Lunt SC1723](#)

¹⁸ [Thomas Williams SC1723](#) & [SC714 William Thomas](#)

¹⁹ [John Evens SC1723](#)

²⁰ South Carolina Account Audited No. 1914A

²¹ [SC391 Jonathan Bartlett](#)

by commission, and the witnesses examined, were, as to thirty-two of the powers of attorney, Robert Pearce²² of Marblehead; and as to thirty-three of them, Rowland Sandiford of Philadelphia; both of whom, were on board the said Frigate, and had been paid the amounts of their claims. Robert Pearce, and Joseph Dessmore,²³ witnessed as they state thirty-six of the aforesaid powers of Attorney viz. Asa Craudle, John Cushing, John Connor, James Tooly, Patrick Lawler, John Dunnivan, John Boyd, John Callahan, Joseph Dellicout, Simon Ditsold, James Connor, John Sheppard, Patrick Divine, Job Weatherall [sic], Francis Brauham, John Craw, William Brown, John Beckford, William Chester, John Allen,²⁴ Ruben Tucker, Ellis Elliot, Ellis Elvile, Jonathan Glover, Thomas Smith, John Barrell, Giles Rogers, William McCassett, Jacob Tucker, Matthew Matthewman, John Bowers, Ellis Bartlett, Daniel Manchester, John Raybarry, William Ray, Samuel Perry, Daniel Carter and James Pike.

The last six powers of Attorney as noted in the deposition of the witness are designated by letters A, B, C, D, E, F, G.

The support of the character of Robert Pearce and Joseph Dissmore [sic], for veracity and integrity is adduced a Certificate of Doctor Waterhouse [Benjamin Waterhouse], late Professor of the Theory and Practice of Physick in the University of Cambridge; He was in the Frigate for several months, his Character it is believed is fair and beyond Suspicion; the language of his certificate, on oath as it regards Robert Pearce is strong, and unqualifiedly in commendation of him; Joseph Dissmore Doctor Waterhouse recollects on board of the Frigate.

In addition to that certificate, is adduced a certificate from one Joseph Wilson, Henry Gallison, Nathan Bowen, Leonard Bimblecom, Joshua Prentice, and Knott Martin, who state they have known Nicholas Bartlett,²⁵ Robert Pearce and Joseph Dissmore for more than thirty and some of them From Fifty to Sixty Years; do faith and credit ought to be given to their statements, when on oath. A certificate, is also adduced, and under oath, of William Reid [sic, William Reed],²⁶ late a member of Congress who states that the individuals immediately before named are all respectable man, and that he William Reid has known Nicholas Bartlett, Joseph Dissmore and Robert Pearce for many years as permanent residents of Marblehead. And that he has entire confidence in their representations of their own services, on board the Ship *South Carolina* Frigate, and any other facts relating thereto.

Rowland Sandiford, the other witness examined by Commission, Witnessed the execution of thirty-three of the aforesaid powers of attorney viz. from No. 1 to No. 13, in which are included the powers signed by Richard Lunt, Joshua Bowen, Daniel Lane,²⁷ Samuel Perry, Henry Larrance, Thomas Williams, John Moyett, Amos Anderson, John Buckley, John Byne [sic], Samuel Boyland, George Champayne [sic] and Joseph Coaken; Witness testifies he saw the aforesaid thirteen persons sign their names to the said powers of Attorney; he also said Philip Prosser, John Chandler, John Dawson, Nicholas Fountain, Edwin Bowen, James Burch, Robert

²² South Carolina Account Audited No. 5787

²³ South Carolina Account Audited No. 1948A under the name Joseph Dismire

²⁴ [John Allen SC1723](#)

²⁵ [Nicholas Bartlett S33986](#)

²⁶ REED, WILLIAM, a Representative from Massachusetts; born in Marblehead, Mass., June 6, 1776; received a limited education; engaged in mercantile pursuits; elected as a Federalist to the Twelfth and Thirteenth Congresses (March 4, 1811-March 3, 1815); member of the board of the Andover Theological Seminary; trustee of Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H.; resumed mercantile pursuits; died in Marblehead, Essex County, Mass., February 18, 1837; interment in a private burying ground on Harris Street.

<https://bioguideretro.congress.gov/Home/MemberDetails?memIndex=R000130>

²⁷ [Daniel Lane SC1723](#)

Barrell, Joseph Brown, Francis Barry, Nicholas Boyett, Henry Dracon, John Evins, Francis Foussard, Richard Davis, John Bulger, Caleb Foot, Ellis Emplement [sic] and Isaac Duval [sic], execute their powers of attorney.

Sarah Fitzgerald and Mary Dick the Widows of William Fitzgerald and James Dick, signed their powers of attorney also in the presence of the witness;

The two last mentioned powers, the due execution of them, were acknowledged before John Douglass, the thirty-one proceeding; were certified by & the due execution of them testified before George Bartram, both, Aldermen of the City of Philadelphia. In support of Rowland Sandiford's character, John Miller, Charles Clayton, Thomas Ogle, Adam Exelt, George Bringhurst certify on oath that he is a man of good character, strict integrity & veracity.

In support of the character of the individuals last above named are certificates of John Sargeant as to all of them & Joseph Hopkinson as to all except Charles Clayton; those Gentlemen, it is presumed by your committee, stand too high in public esteem to render it necessary to say anything on the score of their weight of character. The Certificate of Nicholas Daihl, a Notary Public of the City of Philadelphia, was also adduced as to the respectability and good standing, in the community, in which they lived, of whom Mr. John Sargeant and Mr. Joseph Hopkinson Certify.

Your Committee in further discharge of their duty proceeded to the examination of the Portage bill book of the Frigate, which is signed by the Commodore and [word too faint to discern] and certified by the Auditor General; That book your Committee will here remark carries through all of its pages the informed evidence of accuracy and fairness; It is written in a clean neat hand, with [several words too faint to discern] of the whole crew, Officers, petty Officers, legionnaires and Seamen, with the time & place of their engagements, time & place of their Discharge, draft or dismissal; as also the amount of wages advanced, their pay, and respective dividens [sic?, division] of prize money. By the Portage bill book, it appears manifest to your Committee, in many instances, that individuals, who executed powers of Attorney possessing all the formalities requisite to a fair, precise & legitimate transfer of right, had never been enrolled thereon, nor did it appear from any testimony except that of Robert Pearce, Joseph Dissmore and Rowland Sandiford, that they had ever been on board of the Frigate. The name of the individuals of that class are John Barrell, Joseph Glover, John Bowers, John Byne, John Booyland [sic], Isaac Duval, Ellis Ellieott [sic], Matthew Matthewman and John Moyett.

It also appeared from the same source and from the Records of the Comptroller Generals Office; that many other individuals whose powers were produced had long since been paid, and the handwriting, to the receipts at the bottom of the Accounts current between the individual claiming, and the State, bears no similitude to the handwriting at the bottom of the powers; indeed, in some instances, it appears, that individuals who could not sign their names to the accounts current, or to the receipts; in the execution of the powers, are made to write a fair open and clear hand – of this [undeciphered word] of powers, is the power[s] of Reuben Tucker^{and}

Richard Lunt

Of those cases, where the handwriting to the powers is unlike the handwriting to the Receipts, and other Vouchers; are the powers of John Evans, Job Wetherall, Thomas Williams and Samuel Perry, Signed in the presence of Rowland Sandiford, but not sworn to; and certified before George Bartram a Notary Public, in the City of Philadelphia.

Of the powers that carry satisfactory evidence, on their face, of forgery are Job Wetherall, Robert Barrell, Thomas Williams, John Moyett, Amos Anderson, John Byne, John Chandler,

Joseph Coaken, John Bulger, George Champayne, Joseph Brown, Samuel Boyland , John Buckley, Henry Larrance, John Evins, Nicholas Fountain & Rubin Tucker.

Of such of the individuals as could not write their names, a mark is made and it is manifest that the power had long before been filled up, and the names of the individuals for whom it was intended, signed in the usual distance such letters are made from each other in writing, so as, when it seems to have been necessary that a mark should be made, the mark in the shape of a cross invariably interfears either with the last letter of the Christian or the first letter of the Sir-name

And, of that class of powers, or those given by Francis Bamey, Joseph Byne, Edwin Bowen, Philip Prosser, Isaac Duval, Richard Davis, Henry Dracon, John Dawson, Francis Foussard, Elias Emplement [sic], Joshua Bowers [sic] and Richard Lunt; In many other points of view, it is the fixed belief of your Committee ^{the powers adduced} are wholly Variant from the usual mode of executing powers of Attorney. In some instances, an individual who is entered on the Portage Bill Book as a master's mate, is personated and called in the power as a Marine, or Ordinary, a Volunteer, a Carpenter or a Gunner, just as chance or accident, for the time would Suggest; Proving to the entire satisfaction of your Committee, a fixed and selected design on the part of some 1 to defraud the honest sailor of his hard earned profits; and to impose upon the State of South Carolina.

Of the powers of Attorney, that were witnessed by Robert Pearce, and Joseph Dissmore; and which are Jonathan Glover, Elias Elville, Gilles Rogers, John Bowers, Matthew Matthewman, John Barrell, Rubin Tucker, John Allen, William Brown, William Chester, John Beckford, John Sheppard, James Connor, John Callahan, John Boyd, John Connor, John Cushing, Job Witherell, William McCassett, Jacob Tucker, Thomas Smith, Elias Ellicott, Patrick Divine, John Crow, Francis Branham, Simon Dissold, Joseph Dellacout, John Dunivan, James Fooly, Asa Craudle, William Ray, James Pike, David Earles, Daniel Manchester, Samuel Perry, John Rayberry and Patrick Lawler, Your Committee have, in the investigation of them, labored much, and are obliged to say, they cannot, in the correct and due discharge of their duty, give any credence whatsoever, either to the persons who have witnessed them, or to the justice of the peace, John Prince, before whom the said powers appear to have been proven; And the imperious necessity which urges your Committee to that painful conclusion is predicated upon the following facts. First, [Witnesses] swear, they saw individuals in the year 1815 Signed [sic] and seal powers of Attorney, when in truth, some of them had been dead thirty or Forty years antecedent: And of that class of powers are James Pike, William McHassett [sic, William McCassett], Job Witherell, John Cushing, John Rayberry and John Buckley –That fact is made to appear by living witnesses, corroborated by an entry in the portage bill book: Secondly, the witnesses testify to the due execution of certain other powers of Attorney, and to the identity and services of the persons when in truth and in fact, the persons whose powers are so testified to, by the witnesses, never served in any capacity whatsoever on board the Frigate; And, of that class of powers, are those of Jonathan Glover, John Barrell, John Bowers, John Byne, John Boyland, Isaac Duval, Elias Ellicott, Matthew Matthewman and John Moyett. Thirdly, the witnesses testify that the powers signed, and so endorsed on the back William McCassett, is executed by the Very identical individual of that name who to their knowledge served in the said Frigate when in fact, no such name is to be found in the Portage Bill Book; There does appear to have been a person, on board, of the name of William McHassatt, who has long since died, the depositions of Robert Pearce & Nicholas Bartlett taken before a Notary as early as the 7th of January 1809, evidence the fact of his death and administration was granted upon his Estate to

Doctor John Drury in consequence thereof, – The power from William McCassett is dated the 12th of February 1815 – Fourthly, 1 of the Witnesses, Robert Pearce, when examined before Commissioners, by a Commission from the Court of Equity, in 1817, when asked if he would know, were he to meet any of the individuals whose powers of attorney were there produced, would his examination upon, and which are included in the foregoing names; He answers, he believes, he would know them, “if the effect of time had not materially changed their appearance when, if he is entitled to any credit for truth and integrity, he must have known them all; for as much as but 2 years, preceding that period. He swears that the 37 individuals, last above alluded to, who signed the aforesaid powers of Attorney, personally appeared before him, and did execute the said powers to the said Delozier – [one or more words too faint to discern] Matthew Matthewman who appears to have executed the [an entire page of this document as posted online is illegibly faint] manifesting in an unequivocal manner a [undeciphered word] feeling for integrity and truth. Your Committee are moreover satisfied that Asa Delozier did attempt to enlist the feelings and interest of Mr. John Mayrant ^{an officer on board of the Frigate} in the advancement of his views in purchasing the claims of the crew of the *South Carolina* Frigate, by offering him the sum of Two Thousand Dollars in cash or one third of the anticipated ^{profits} of such a speculation which he Delozier said would be equal to ten Thousand Dollars. This offer was treated by Mr. Mayrant with such indignation and contempt as it merited and a communication in relation to that fact was immediately made to the then Comptroller General by the latter Gentlemen.

And a similar offer was made to Hugh A. Nixion [Hugh A. Nixon] another of the Officers of said Frigate.

Your Committee have thus bestowed their utmost attention to the nature and testimony offered in support of this claim; they have endeavored to present it to this house in its point of view; If they have mistaken the facts or have drawn improper conclusion from them, it has been unintentional on their part; The evidence of fraud and of a disposition to impose upon the State have been so clear to them, That, they respectfully recommend that the prayer of the Memorialist be not granted.

S/ Thomas Case, Chairman