

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Thomas Sumter SC1960
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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

[p 4: Printed form of unnumbered Indent dated March 27th, 1784 “delivered to General Thomas Sumter [sic] this our Indented Certificate for the Sum of Five hundred pounds Sterling being part of the money due him per Resolve of the General Assembly 26th March 1784.”]

[p 5: Reverse of the above indent bearing, among others, the following endorsements:

I do hereby assign the Balance of this indent to Allan Degraffenreidt
[unsigned]

I Thomas Sumter do hereby assign the full amount of the principal and Interest now Due & which be due on the Certificate within mentioned to Thomas Andrews his Executors, administrators or Assigns having from the said Thomas Andrews received full value this 4th September 1785

S/ Thos. Sumter

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thos. Sumter", enclosed in a rectangular border with a decorative, slightly irregular edge.

[p 7: Printed form of indent No. 358 Book N dated April 7th, 1785 “delivered to Brigadier General Thomas Sumter [sic] this our Indented certificate for the Sum of One Hundred and Twenty Six Pounds One Shilling and three Pence Sterling [text too faint to discern] Militia 1778 and 178? [Last digit too faint to discern] per Account Audited”]

[p 8: Reverse of the above Indent bearing an illegibly faint endorsement by Thomas Sumter together with endorsements by sundry other people.]

[p 14: Printed form of Indent No. 309 Book X in the amount of £219.19.8. It was delivered to General Thomas Sumter but the date and information regarding the reason for the issuance of the Indent are illegible as posted online.]

¹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

[p 15: Reverse of the above Indent bearing a partially illegible signature by Thomas Sumter but the text of his endorsement is illegible.]

[p 18: Printed form of Indent No. 278 Book B dated October 3rd, 1791 “delivered to Thomas Sumter this our Indented Certificate for the Sum of Eighty-six Pounds Four Shillings and two Pence being for sundry Accounts certified by the Commissioners for settling the Accounts of the State Troops.”]

[p 19: Reverse of the above Indent with the following endorsement:

A black and white image of a handwritten endorsement on a document. The text is written in cursive and includes the date "15th Feb 1789" followed by a horizontal line and the signature "Thos. Sumter". The signature is highly stylized with large loops and flourishes.

[p 20: Printed form of indent No. 266 Book B dated October 3rd, 1791 “delivered to Brigadier-General Thomas Sumter this our Indented Certificate for the Sum of Two Hundred and Eighteen Pounds – Eleven Shillings and Two Pence, being for sundry Accounts certified by the said Thomas Sumter, and Colonel Richard Richardson as Commissioners for settling the Accounts of the State Troops.”]

[p 22]

Charleston 24th February 1789

Sir,

We the Subscribers, late Officers who Served under the Command of the Honorable Brigadier-General Thomas Sumter during the late Contest in the Year 1780 & 1781 – who is now about to leave this State – and conscious of the many Services he has rendered it – we beg leave to address your Excellency on that Subject. And first when our Country was overrun by the Enemy – our Army of Continentals captured in Charles-Town – the Cavalry in the Country cut to pieces – Bluford’s [Abraham Buford’s] Corps put to the Sword and a Victorious Enemy, carrying everything before them; – in this Extremity, when Fortune not only wavered – but Seemed to have abandoned the American Standard and no Force to repel the Enemy in this State, they Spreading Havoc and Devastation through every part of our distressed Country that Gallant Officer took the Field, leaving his Family and Property to their Mercy – and about the 20th of June in the year 1780, on the Banks of the Catawba, he headed a view Refugees from this State – among of whom were Several of us the Subscribers – and from that Time, through all dangers and the Want of every necessary Sustenance for the Army, his Valor & perseverance, furnished new Resources to oppose the Enemy. – He kindled in the Breast of his Countrymen his own Spirit of Enterprise and Gallantry – and his conspicuous Example in various Conflicts evinced that inferior Numbers contending for Liberty can be an over match for veteran Troops, engaged in the Cause of Despotism. Those Transactions are Still fresh in our memories, and ever will be so – for besides their hastening our Independence, we were Sure they merit our Recollection on other Accounts. They have given proofs of the natural military Characters of our Citizens – and will be a Lesson to our Sons, how to prize their Liberties, and run every Hazard in the defense of them.

But it is with deep Regret and Sorrow, we find other Officers, notwithstanding their inferior Services – inferior indeed Some of them were – and who did not take the Field until that Gallant Officer had turned the Tide of Fortune against the Enemy, have been publicly honored and rewarded – whilst he Stands almost wholly unnoticed. – Also, that a Vote of Thanks of Congress, and of the Commander in Chief was transferred to the Southern Department, to be delivered to him and the Brigade; but by some extraordinary Means, was Suppressed. – From those Considerations, we have just Grounds to conclude the Brigade, and in particular the Commandant, has not been well treated.

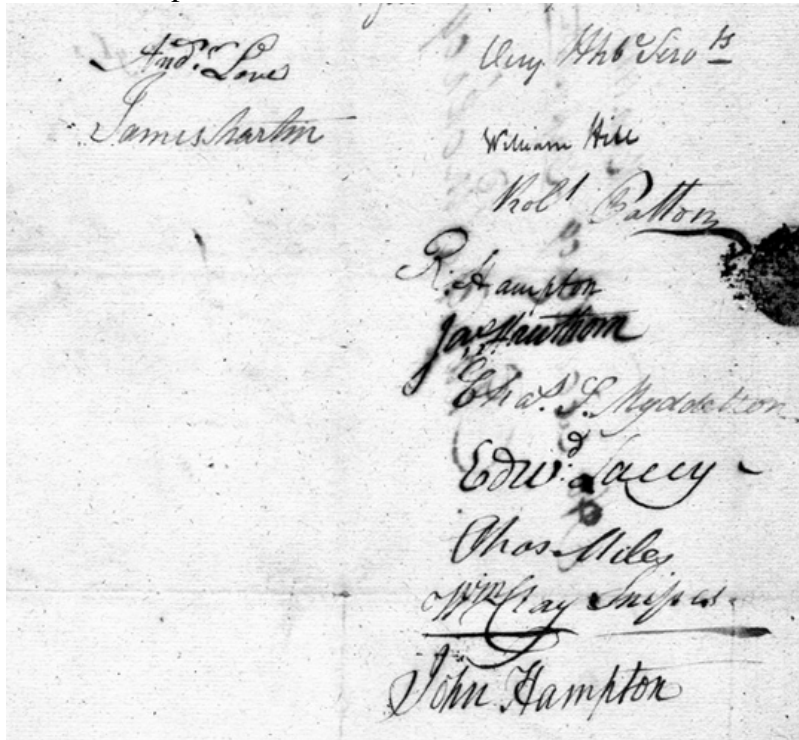
We therefore in Testimony of our particular Regard and Approbation of his Military Skill and Conduct, earnestly request your Excellency to advance him to a distinguished Rank and Command of the Militia of this Country – or recommend it to the Legislature for their Approbation – as his well-known Services in this State, ought in Justice, to command their Attention.

We have the Honor to be,
Your Excellency's most obedient
and very humble Servants,

S/ Andrew Love
S/ James Martin

S/ William Hill
S/ Robert Patton
S/ James Hawthorn

S/ Charles S Myddelton
S/ Edward Lacey
S/ Charles Miles
S/ William Clay Snipes
S/ John Hampton



His Excellency
Governor Pinckney Esquire

[Note: The original of the above petition is posted online under documents relating to William Hill. The original has a transmittal letter from Charles Pinckney as follows:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives

Pursuant to the request of the Gentlemen whose names are signed to the enclosed Letter; I have the Honor of Submitting it to your Consideration. As it is highly expressive of the Sense which they entertain of the Zeal and Talents of General Sumter; and as I have the fullest Conviction that his meritorious Exertions during the most trying periods of the War, in this State, will not remain unregarded by his Country; – it is with Pleasure I present it to the Attention of the Legislature, who are the best Judges of the Conduct, and Services, of our Fellow-Citizens.

S/ Charles Pinckney

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles Pinckney". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

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