

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

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28 November 1811

Charles Miller's petition To the Honorable the House of Representatives praying for and Annuity

Referred to Chester & Lancaster Representatives

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To the Honorable

The Speaker & Members of the house of Representatives of the State of South Carolina

The Petition of Charles Miller of Chester District Sheweth that your petitioner was a Soldier in the American Service during the Revolutionary War, that he was out in the Army different Tours and Served his Country faithfully during her struggle for independence that whilst engaged with the British in the Contest for liberty he received Several wounds from the Enemy that in an engagement near Coosahateky Bridge [sic, Coosawhatchie, May 3, 1779]² your Memorialist was Knocked down by the limb of a Tree supposed to be cut off by a Cannon Ball of the enemy and was carried off the ground much damaged & had to return home until he was able again to take the field and that your petitioner was once more grievously wounded at an engagement known by the name of Sumpter's defeat [the Battle of Fishing Creek, August 18, 1780]³ near Fishing Creek in Chester District that he was Attacked by the British Cavalry and Chopped in the head and shoulder & trod down & left for dead, that his Scull [Skull] was Cut and fractured in Such a manner that the membrane that covered his Brain might easily be seen that your petitioner does yet very Sensibly feel the Effects of the Wounds and until now never made application for the pecuniary Assistance of his Country for the wounds he received but as he is now become old and infirm & very unfit for labour he hopes your Honorable Body will

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² https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_coosawhatchie.html

³ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_fishing_creek.html

give him such Compensation as you in your Wisdom shall see meet⁴ and your Petitioner, as in duty bound will ever pray &c
Chester District November 4th, 1811

S/ Charles Miller, X his mark

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Report on the Petition of Charles Miller

In the Senate December 4, 1811

Resolved that this House do agree to the Report Returned

That the same be sent to the House of Representatives for their Concurrence.

By order of the Senate

S/ J. Murphy, C.S.

In the H. Of Reps.

December 7th, 1811

Resolved that this House do concur in the within Report and Resolution

Ordered that the same be returned to the Senate

By order of the House

S/ Richard Gantt, C. H. R.

December 3 Tomorrow

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The Committee on Pensions To whom was Referred the Petition of Charles Miller

Report

That your Committee has had the case of the Petitioner under Consideration And from Sundry Affidavits⁵ Accompanying the petition are of opinion that the Prayer all to be Granted that the Petitioner be placed on the Pension List & be entitled to a pension from the year 1790 –

S/ Jno. McMorrils [?]

Chairman

December 2nd, 1811

⁴ In Samuel Johnson's Dictionary of 1755, the first definition of the word "meet" he gives is "Fit; proper...". Johnson noted that even at that time the word "meet" was rarely so used. It must have become fairly popular in South Carolina in the early 1800's, however, as it appears in many petitions submitted to the SC Legislature.

⁵ there are no such documents in this file