

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to James Vessells SC2276  
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[No.] 75

James Vessells for 2 Flatts and 2 Mares, Repair of Boats, &c for Public Use in 1779, 1781, 1782, & 1783

Amounting £195 Stg. [Sterling]

Only £42.10/Currency or £6.1.5 Stg. of which is Certified –

2 Beeves £6.1/5 only vouched the other charges once legal vouchers rejected S/ AL

See over

Ex<sup>d</sup>. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]

J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

2 Beeves allowed by the Board

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The State of South Carolina By General Wm. Mifflin  
 1779 To James Vespels Esq

To 2 flates 122 feet long 9 feet wide  
 and 2 feet deep at 350<sup>00</sup> \$4700.00  
 To Repairing 3 boats at 50. 100.00  
 To 1 Anchor . . . . . 25. 20.00  
 To Rebuilding 2 boats at 50. 300.00  
 To carrying 1 flate from my place  
 to Garrals ferry . . . . . 50.00  
 To Rebuilding 1 flate . . . . . 100.00  
 To 1 flate . . . . . 20.00  
 1781 1290

May To 500 Spikes nails & Dr. Goods  
 Pickins Order 39.10

James Vespels being 1322.10  
 indebted to the State for the  
 sundries above mentioned for the  
 use of the public of this State and  
 the above is a reasonable sum  
 for his work & the value of the  
 currency being supposed equal  
 to price

Given this 28th June 1783  
 James Vespels  
 John Purves

\$1290.00 Depreciation at 1819 C. is \$79.13.6  
 add 2 Shers 42.10.0  
 \$172-0-6  
 N. P. \$17-9-0 1/2

James Vessells for 842 days Pay as an Artist [artesian?] from 11<sup>th</sup> June 1782 1<sup>st</sup> November 1782 including he being a Prisoner Part of the above time in Charleston and from thence sent to Mill Prison in Europe; & charged 10/10/2 per day

Amounting to	£457.16.9
add 32 days more	17.8
	£475.4.9

see over

Ex<sup>d</sup>. J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

[over]

To be certified that James Vessells was taken prisoner when in service & whether he acted as a militia private S/ EL

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1785 State South Carolina

To James Vessells Artist

For being confined 2 years 4 months & 19 Days by the British Army Commencing the 11<sup>th</sup> June 1780 & Continuing until 1 November 1782. Total 842 Days as he Always was allowed for work per diem 10/10 ½ per day

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Charleston District

Personally appeared James Vessells and made Oath that the within Account is Just and no part has been paid

Sworn to before me this

3<sup>rd</sup> May 1785

S/ J. McCall, JP

S/ James Vessells



Accounts & Vouchers James Vessells Ship Carpenter 421 Guineas £457.16 Stg. [Sterling]

This claim to be considered by the Commissioners

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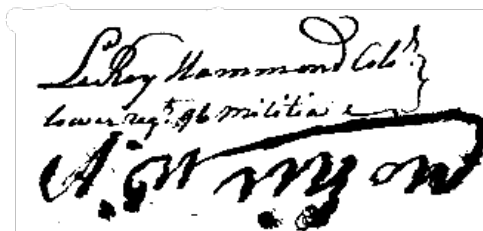
State South Carolina Ninety Six District } We do Certify that the bearer James Vessells was taken a prisoner on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 1780 by a party under British order Conducted to Charleston & Closely Confined in provosts and prison ships till about the 10<sup>th</sup> March in the year 1781 when he was shipped for England and there lodged in the old Mill Prison where he continued till June 1782 when he was exchanged and sailed for Philadelphia where he arrived the same year in the month of August & in November following he reached his home in the lower Ninety Six Regiment of Militia where he had formerly done duty from the beginning of the Contest between England & America –

Certified under our hands this 9<sup>th</sup> April 1785

S/ LeRoy Hammond Colo.

lower regt. 96 militia

S/ A Wmson [Andrew Williamson, General]



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James Vessells two Accounts Claimed by James Denton

The making of the Flats to be Certified by the Officer who employed him –

See General Williamson's Account if not before [undeciphered abbreviation]

842 days pay also to be Certified

See Returns No. 75.83

See within

S/ AL

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This account must be considered by the Commissioners jointly see Remarks within

S/ AL

a General order by Vessells to Richard Hampton, for all his Indents, dated 26 November 1790 –  
Mr. Denton's order is dated 10 February 1792

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James Vessells Account

It appears by Colonel Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] own Return [not extant], Page 71, that James Vessells did duty as a Militia man after the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780], & received £124 Currency [old South Carolina Currency] in an Indent book X No. 2675 by which his charge when a prisoner must be at least in part erroneous. – Vessells also received £20 Currency for Supplies of provisions to the State Troops & Militia

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Orders in favor of James Denton drawn by James Vessells February 10, 1792. –

Left in the Office by JD March 16, 1792 for which I gave him a receipt

S/ G B

Mr. John Moore being duly sworn made Oath that he was present and saw James Vessells signed the foregoing order and he the Deponent signed his name as a witness thereto. Sworn the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1792

Before me

S/ D Mazy Ck, JP QU

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Gentlemen

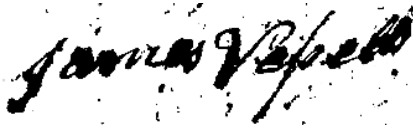
Charleston 10 February 1792

Please deliver unto Mr. James Denton the Indents you have in your Office of mine for Carpenters work done & Supplies for General Williamson's Brigade of Militia which will appear by my Account delivered in by Colonel Robert Anderson and Certified by Colonel John Purvis  
& you'll Oblige

Gentlemen

Your Humble Servant

Witness  
S/ John Moore



Wm Hort & Benjamin Waring Esquires  
Treasurers Charleston

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Petition of James Denton 11 December 1792  
Committee  
General Pickens [Andrew Pickens]  
Mr. Simkins  
Mr. Calhoun

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To the Honorable David Ramsey Esquire President & other the Members of the  
Honorable the Senate  
The Petition of James Denton  
Sheweth  
That your Petitioner became the purchaser of an Account which is due from the State to  
James Vessels –  
Your Petitioner further Sheweth that the Account has lain a considerable time in the  
proper Offices, as will appear from the Account, with the Certificate of the Commissioners for  
settling public Accounts hereto annexed.  
Your Petitioner prays that the Account may be investigated & an Indent issued for what  
may be due him and Your Petitioner as in duty bound will pray

S/ James Denton



[pp 21-29: duplicates of a number of the documents above]

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The committee on Claims to whom was referred the petition of James Vessels and others,  
praying for a balance of pension have had the same under Consideration and respectfully  
recommend that the prayer thereof be granted to the amount of \$20.40.  
S/ [illegible signature], Chairman

[p 31 pay voucher dated April 23, 1825 indicating the payment to James Vessels of \$20.40.]