

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to John Fabian SC24 Mary Ann Fabian AA13SC
Audited Account No. 2281

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To his Excellency Benjamin Guerard Esqr. Governor &c &c &c
The Honorable the Senate
And the Honorable The Representatives of the State of South Carolina
The Memorial & Petition of John Fabian
Humbly Sheweth

That your Memorialist is a Native of this State, late a Resident in St. Paul's Parish, but now of Charles Town [Charleston].

That your Memorialist since the Commencement of the present Contest, has on all occasions shown the most ready & cheerful disposition to contribute his Mite of Assistance towards the cause of the United States, both as a Citizen & Soldier.

That your Memorialist made an Individual of the little Army under the Command of General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] in 1779 when Savannah in the State of Georgia was attacked,² in which unsuccessful Enterprise your Memorialist received a very dangerous wound, under which he suffered extreme anguish & tho' by the Mercy of propitious Heaven & the skill of able Physicians his life was given him, yet he long languished under the Severe effects thereof.

That your Memorialist feeling himself reduced to a State of Invalidity at the time of the unhappy fall of Charles Town [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] from the cause aforesaid, was urged by forceful necessity to show a tacit Compliance with British Government afterwards, in order to avoid the confinement in a Prison Ship which most certainly would have proved fatal to him in the Situation he was then in.

That your Memorialist being considered as an Invalid by the British Commanders of the District in which he resided, was suffered to remain at home, but having in a Short space of Neutrality recovered his former health in a great measure, your Memorialist Seized the Earliest opportunity to evince his unshaken attachment & zeal to the Cause of his Country, and tho' an entire Ruin of his little remaining Property & distress to his Family consisting of a Wife & two

¹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts are available on microfilm at the South Carolina Department of Archives & History in Columbia, SC. They will eventually be available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. The file number has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

² Siege of Savannah September 16-October 9, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790916-savannah/>

Children, threatened to be the consequences, he again repaired to the Standard of Freedom, and Voluntarily entered into actual Service under the command of Colonel William Harden.³

That your Memorialist, while Executing his duty as a Soldier in the month of August 1781, was surprised by a party of the enemy & in making his escape from them, received Several dangerous wounds, especially in both his Arms.

That your Memorialist while in this Extreme distress made application for the Assistance of a Surgeon, not doubting at that time, but that the Country would make provision for such Cases.

That your Memorialist however finds Several large Bills against him from the Physicians who administered to him in both the aforesaid cases, with pressing demands for payment, which he is utterly unable to satisfy, without absolutely distressing his family, otherwise brought to Extreme inconveniences by your Memorialist having been reduced to dispose of a Genteel personal Interest a little before the fall of Charles Town for certain Consideration, but which from subsequent Circumstances is likely to prove a Tremendous Loss to him.

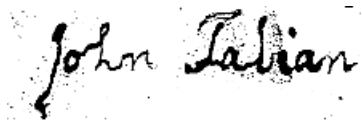
Your Memorialist is at this time from the fate of War as aforesaid an almost perfect Cripple in both his hands & destitute of adequate means for the maintenance of his family.

Your Memorialist therefore humbly prays you will take his Case into Consideration and be pleased to appoint him to some Line of business which in his Misfortunate Situation he may yet serve his Country in and be assisted in rendering Support to his Family.

19 February 1783

And as in Duty bound will pray

S/ John Fabian



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To the Honorable Patrick Noble, and the other Members of the Honorable House of Representatives of South Carolina

The Humble Petition of Mary and Fabian Relic of John Fabian deceased
Sheweth

That John Fabian the husband of your Petitioner was at the time of his death and had been for some time before the gaoler [jailer] of Jackson Borough in Colleton District. That the gaol being without a Kitchen he was Compelled about the month of May 181[last digit illegible] to erect one for the Convenience and support of those Committed to his Custody and Charge but not being in funds from the State [paper torn and text missing] he was obliged to sustain the whole expense of its erection from his own muted means, and consequently expended one hundred sixty dollars. Your Petitioner further shows that since the Death of her husband she has not received the amount from the State and unless this Honorable body will relieve her she will be deprived of all means of recovering the aforesaid amount of which from her present circumstances she stands very much in need.

Your Petitioner therefore praise your Honorable body to take such order [?] in the premises as may afford her the relief she prays for an which may seem meet and proper to [your] Honorable boby.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

³ I cannot identify an action in which Lt. Col. William Harden was in command in August 1781. Any suggestions?

Mary Ann Fabian