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South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to John Franklin SC2884 pp 21

Audited Account No. 2540

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To the Honorable the President and Other members of the Senate of South Carolina.

The respectful Memorial and petition of John Franklin, a resident citizen of the District of Chester for Forty five years and upwards, is hereby confidently submitted to your Honorable Body: – That your Memorial is an old man being Seventy eight years of age and upwards; – that in consequence of his said age and the many infirmities attendant thereon, he is become unable to Support himself in a comfortable degree: And therefore throws himself for protection on the kindness and friendship of a community, which has ever cheerfully fulfilled all claims on its gratitude. Your Memorial begs leave to State that he entered at an early period, into the Service of his country, in the most perilous times: – He served under Colonel Careuth² in the Cherokee war; – was with Colonel Farr at Drowning Creek in North Carolina³ in Service against the Tories; – and served under Colonel Crawford⁴ in the campaign at Wilmington State of North Carolina –; was an a regiment under Colonel John Thomas at the siege of Savannah,⁵ and was generally in active service from the commencement to the termination of the Revolutionary war. For his youngest, best days thus employed and countless privations endured, his remuneration has been inconsiderable. But consoling himself in doing his utmost in every magnanimous Sacrifice and co-operation for the establishment of a glorious Liberty, which now protects, and may transmit comfort and blessing, to the latest prosperity, your Petitioner proposes his case to your wise consideration – that as an aged, helpless, and indigent Citizen, a suitable and customary relief and alleviation may be afforded. Your petitioner prays an examination of his claim to public friendship, and Submitting the necessary vouchers, Submit also his express wish

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² I cannot identify a likely candidate for this officer

³ there was an action on April 27, 1781 at Drowning Creek South Carolina but I cannot identify an action by that name in North Carolina. See https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_drowning_creek.html

⁴ possibly Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Crawford of the Richmond County North Carolina regiment of militia

⁵ Siege of Savannah September 16-October 9, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790916-savannah/>

to be placed on the Pension list; and in the wisdom and justice, of your Honorable house, Your Memorialist will ever trust.

Test S/ David Montgomery

John Franklin, IF his mark

[p 21: One receipt dated 29 May 1834 in the amount of \$60 paid to John Franklin as an annuity.]