

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to John Featherston [Fedderson]<sup>2</sup> SC2902 pp7  
Audited Account No. 2567

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To his Excellency John Rutledge President &c of the Colony of South Carolina  
The Memorial of John Featherston, a Free Negro man  
most Humbly Sheweth

That your Memorialist served on Board the Schooner *Defense*<sup>3</sup> Captain Simon Tuff [Simon Tufts] for the Space of Seven Months, and never received more than two months pay though often applied to said Captain for the Balance of my Wages, and obtained for answer to apply to your Excellency.

Your said Petitioner applied to your Excellency who was pleased to tell him for his Captain to come to him. He neither can get him to come or to satisfy that your Memorialist is the man & what there remains due.

Your said petitioner is in the Public Service for this two Months under the command of Captain Grimball, most humbly prays your Excellency will be pleased to take the premises into Consideration and Order such relief as shall in his Wisdom shall seem meet.<sup>4</sup>

And in duty bound will ever pray &c &c &c

S/ John Featherston


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<sup>1</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) 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. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

<sup>2</sup> This in index under the title "Free Negroes" in the SC Audited Accounts

<sup>3</sup> *Defence*. Maclay:68, Paullin:420-421, ND3:1342, ND4:674, ND5:210, ND6:1441, ND7:23, SC Navy armed schooner, 35 crewmen, Capt Simon Tufts, fired on by British in Nov 1775. ND8:929, ND9:751, ND10:545, 657, ND11:49, 217, DaviesXIII:826, XIV:104-105, SC brigantine, Capt Thomas Pickering which captured the British ship Caesar, c 1777, and at other times, the Friendship, the schooner Nancy, and possibly the sloop Nancy, before it was itself captured by the British Perseus, and Roebuck, 2 Apr 1777. Coggins:103, brigantine/schooner in SC Navy, 1775. R77:233, SC armed brigantine, Capt Thomas Pickering, from Charlestown, captured 2 Apr 1777 by British Perseus, Roebuck. C40, 66, 318. Probably Searcy:67, <https://www.awiatsea.com/Hough/Hough%20List%20C-D.html>

<sup>4</sup> 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.



Charles Town  
August 21, 1776

The Public of South Carolina

To John Fedderson [sic]  
a free Negro

Dr.

1776

To three Months Wages on board the Schooner Defense  
at £21 per month

£63