

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Humphry Gibson SC3083
Audited Account No. 2789A

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To

Col. Wm Martin [William Martin]
Genl. Anderson [Robert Anderson] Col. Calhoun
Pendleton Co Washington District

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Honorable the Speaker; & Members of the House of Representatives of South Carolina
the petition² of Humphry Gibson Senior – Humbly Sheweth –

That Several years past at, & about the time of the first Settlement of Pendleton County
of this State a publick Garrison was erected on the plantation of your petitioner, (by order of
Colonel Robert Anderson) which post by the name of Fort defiance, had been kept up for the
protection of the frontier settlements in that quarter almost ever since at least for Several years
past, (up to the present time) to the Great damage of your petitioner, by totally destroying the
timber of his said plantation, in the first place for the purpose of building the said Garrison &
also for firewood necessary to support the same, for so long a time – which damage has Greatly
lessened the value of your petitioner's said plantation, who is a poor man – & that one man only,
may not suffer so Great a loss for the publick Good, Your petitioner Humbly prays, that your
Honorable House will take the premises into Your most Serious Consideration, & Grant your
petitioner such relief as your wisdom may think meet³ –

And your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

1st day of November 1790 [last digit unclear]

S/ Humphry Gibson



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² There are several other files in the SC Archives relating to this claim, but they are not available online at this time.

³ 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.