

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to John Purves (Purvis) SC3211
Audited Account No. 6171

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[p 2: Printed form of Indent No. 211 Book H dated July 31st 1784 “delivered to John Purves Esquire this our Indented Certificate for the Sum of Sixty one pounds Six Shillings and Eight Pence half Penny Sterling for pay as Captain from the 10th January to the ninth February 1779 And for pay as Lieutenant Colonel from the tenth February aforesaid in the Service of aforesaid to the Sixteenth July in the year aforesaid and for [undeciphered word or words]² for Militia use in 1781 per 3 accounts audited &c”]

[p 3: Reverse of the above Indent bearing numerous endorsements by John Purves who signature appears as follows:



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[Book O No. 85 25 January 1785]

Mr. John Purvis [sic] his Account of 40 days Duty as Lieutenant Colonel in the Militia in May 1780

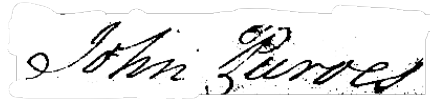
Amounting to [old South Carolina] Currency £200

Stg. [Sterling] £28.11.5

Received Columbia 31 January 1791 from Commissioner Treasury the Amount the within
Account in an Indent No. 85 Book O £28.11.5 S/ John Purvis

¹ 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.

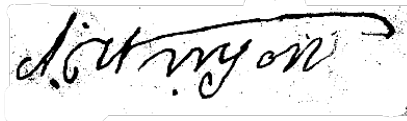
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 The Public of South Carolina To John Purvis Dr.
 1780
 May 30 To pay due for doing duty as
 Lieutenant Colonel from 20th April to this day
 is 40 days at £5 £200
 £28.11.5 Stg

South Carolina John Purves made oath that the above Account is Just & due
 Sworn this 11th March 1784
 before me S/ Benjamin Tutt, JP

I do Certify that the above duty was performed
 S/ A. Amson [Andrew Williamson Brig. General of the South Carolina militia]



[p 10]
 No. 59 [Book] X [No.] 589
 Pass S/ EL [Edward Lightwood] 31st of August 1785
 John Purves's Account of Militia Duty as Lieut. Col. in 1780, 1781 & 1782; also for Waggon
 Service & Provisions & forage on Militia Account in 1780 & 1781; the whole Amounting to
 Currency £1118.5/
 Stg. £159.15/
 "The Waggon Service & Part of the Duty amounting to £572 not Certified"
 Ex^d. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]
 J. M^c. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

Received the 31st of August 1785, full Satisfaction for the Within in an indent No. 589 – X
 S/ John Purves



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 State South Carolina Dr. [Debtor] to John Purves
 For Duty as Lieut. Col. in 1780, 1781 & 1782 per Account Annexed £780
 Waggon Service in 1780 per "Do" 272
 Provisions & forage to the Militia per Do 66.5
 Currency £1118.5/
 Stg. £159.15/

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The Public of South Carolina to John Purvis [sic]
1780

Dr.

April 8th To pay for doing duty as Lieutenant Colonel
of Militia from the 8th February 2 this
day inclusive is 60 days at £5

£300

John Purves being duly Sworn maketh oath that the above Account of 300 pounds Currency is
Just & due to him

Sworn this 30th July

1780 to before me

S/ James Beard, JP

S/ John Purves

The Public of South Carolina to John Purves
1781

Dr.

June 10th To pay due for duty as Lieut. Col.
from 10th May to ye day inclusive
is 31 days at £5 per day

£155

Dec. 12 ditto from 10th November 2 ye day
inclusive is 32 days at £5 per day

160
£315

South Carolina

John Purves being duly Sworn maketh Oath that the above sum of three hundred and
fifteen pounds Currency is just & due to him

Sworn this 31st July

1782 before me

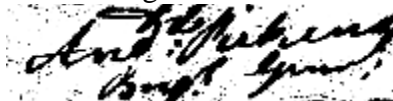
S/ James Beard, JP

S/ John Purves

I do hereby certify the above Account

S/ Andrew Pickens,

Brigadier General



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The Public of South Carolina to John Purves
1782

Dr.

August 14th To Pay due for duty as Lt. Col.
from 12th July to this day both
days inclusive is 33 days at £5 per day

£165

South Carolina

John Purves being duly Sworn maketh Oath that the account Amounting to the Sum of
one hundred sixty-five pounds South Carolina Currency is just & due to him

Sworn this 21st

June 1783 Before

S/ Robert Anderson, JP

S/ John Purves

Certified 18th August 1783 him
S/ Andrew Pickens,
Brigadier General



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The Public of South Carolina to John Purves
1781

Dr.

June To Provisions & forage furnished 50 Men
of the Militia of Georgia under Captain Inman³
who was assisting at the Siege of Ninety Six

£18.15

Colonel Purves made Oath that he furnished the above Provisions & forage for which he got
Captain Inman's Certificate which has since been Mislaid or destroyed so that it cannot be found
Sworn this 23rd of June 1783

Before me S/ Robert Anderson, JP

S/ John Purves

[p 20: Printed form of Indent No. 589 Book X dated August 31st, 1785]

[p 21: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements by John Purves]

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[No.] 1032

[Book] X March 1784 1st November 1785

Mr. John Purvis [sic] his Account of 94 Days Duty as Adjutant General of Militia in 1779

Amounting to at £5 per day £470

Stg. £67.2.10 ¼

“The whole of the above time he charges for Duty in this Account rendered in Return No. 8 part
of it as Captain (say 9 days) and the remainder as Lieut. Col.”

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

Pass S/ EL [Edward Lightwood]

Received 1st November 1785, full Satisfaction for the Within in an indent No. 1032 – X

S/ John Purves

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The State of South Carolina To John Purves
1779

Dr.

May 5th To Pay due for doing duty as
Adjutant General to the Western
Division of Militia from 1st
February to this day inclusive
is 94 days at £5 per day

£470

Stg. £67.2.10 ¼

³ Possibly Captain Joshua Inman

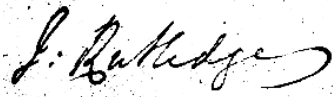
South Carolina

John Purves being duly sworn made oath that the above Account is just & due
Sworn this 8th March
1784 Before me S/ Benjamin Tutt, JP

I do Certify that the above duty was performed S/ A. Wmson [Andrew Williamson]



Lieutenant Colonel Purves was appointed Adjutant General as above mentioned by my order
S/ J. Rutledge [John Rutledge, Governor of South Carolina]



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Gentlemen

The Auditor General having made a Remark on my Account for acting as Adjutant General to the Western Division of Militia from 1st February to 4th May 1779 –

I beg leave to observe to you that on my Account for pay as Lt. Col. there is a Credit of £500 Currency in April 1779 – when money was greatly depreciated – I was constantly that year in the field from the month of January until after the Enemy Retreated from Stono [June 20, 1779] – the time charged for acting as Adjutant General is from the collecting of the Militia to oppose the British in Augusta until the 4th May when I joined General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] during which time the appointment not only occasioned me a very extraordinary degree of fatigue but a great expense in keeping Horses to do that duty –

March 28th 1785

I am Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Servant

S/ John Purves

[The Committee on Accounts]

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Petition of John Purves

Committee on

Mr. Tucker

Colonel Bratton

Mr. Stevens

Mr. Wadsworth

Mr. Chesnut

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To the Honorable David Ramsey Esquire President and the Honorable Members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina

The Humble Petition of John Purves –

Sheweth unto your Honors

That your Petitioner performed the duty of
Brigade Major in the Militia in this State on the Expedition to Florida⁴ in the year 1778 – as will
appear by and Account is attested and certified herewith produced.

That Your Petitioner has never received any pay or satisfaction whatever for his said
services

He therefore prays your Honorable

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The Public of South Carolina to John Purves
1778

Dr.

August

18th

To doing duty as Brigade
Major in the Militia on the
Expedition to Florida from
the 1st June 2 ye date inclusive
is 79 days at £4.10/per day

£355.10/

£50.15/Stg.

John Purves being duly sworn made oath that he performed the duty mentioned in the above
Account and that he has not received any recompense whatever for the same

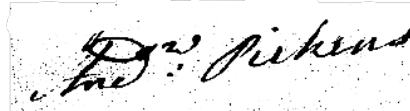
Sworn this 1st day of

February 1791 before

S/ Robert Anderson, JP

I do Certify that the above mentioned duty of Brigade Major was performed by John
Purves

S/ Andw Pickens [Andrew Pickens]



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Messrs. An Account of this duty was formally rendered to Mr. Whitfield when he was Deputy
Pay Master under Mr. Dessaussure but I never got paid.

S/ JP

⁴ Third Florida expedition: Spring 1778 [Robert Howe, Commanding Officer]

<https://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/articles/history-archaeology/revolutionary-war-georgia#Three-Invasions-of-Florida>