

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Roger Gordon SC3249
Audited Account No. 2979

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Public Dr. [Debtor] to Lieutenant Roger Gordon on command under Lieutenant Colonel Richard Richardson

from 22nd of March to June 26th – both days Included Making 97 days at 40² £194

The Above Account was Duly Attested before me this 16th day of August 1779

S/ Stewart Dickey, JP

I do hereby Certify that Lieutenant Roger Gordon was on Duty Under my Command

S/ R. Richardson L. C.

A handwritten document in cursive script, appearing to be a copy of the typed text above. The text reads: "Public Dr. to Lieut. Roger Gordon on Command under Lieut. Col. Richard Richardson from 22nd March to June 26th both days Includ Making 97 days at 40² £194 The Above Acct. was Duly Attested before me this 16th Day of Aug. 1779 Stewart Dickey, JP I do hereby Certify that Lieut. Roger Gordon was on Duty Under my Command R. Richardson L. C." The handwriting is somewhat faded and there are some ink blots.

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.

² 40 shillings [or £2] old South Carolina currency

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Petition of John Gordon

1798

30 November

Committee

Major McFadden

Major Hutchinson

Colonel Brown

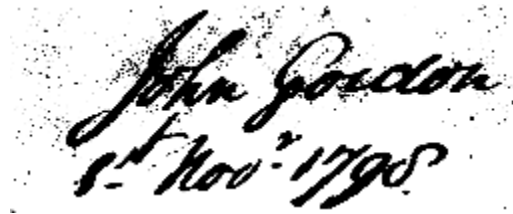
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To the Honorable the President and members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina at
Colombia Assembled, the Petition of John Gordon of Wmsburg [Williamsburg] County,
respectfully Sheweth,

That your Petitioner, the only acting Administrator to the estate of Roger Gordon³
deceased having neglected the payment of the public Taxes for said Estate since the passing of
the act in the year 1783 exempting the Estates of Widows and orphans of officers and men killed
in the actual service of their Country, to a certain amount, from paying the Tax imposed by law
on others – That this neglect in your petitioner, having originated not from [undeciphered word]⁴
in complying with the laws of his Country as a good citizen, but solely from a full persuasion
that this privilege was still in force, & being now threatened with an execution on the property of
the said Estate by the public tax Collector, to the great injury & distress of an only surviving
Orphan. Your petitioner therefore with all due deference requests that your Honorable body
would exonerate him from the operation of any existing law to the contrary or grant to said
Orphan such other relief as to you in your wisdom & deliberation shall seem meet⁵ – & your
petitioner will ever pray &c

S/ John Gordon

1st November 1798

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Gordon" followed by "1st Nov 1798". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted.

³ JD Lewis notes that Lt. Roger Gordon was "Killed by Loyalists while patrolling Lynches Creek."

https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/patriot_military_sc_lieutenants.htm

⁴ A handwritten word in cursive script that appears to be "refugance". The letters are somewhat stylized and the word is written in a single line.

refugance ?

⁵ 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.