

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Richard Graham SC3301
Audited Account No. 3031A

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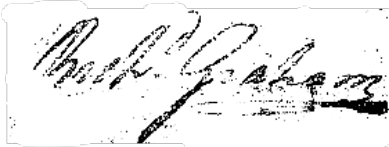
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[p 2: Printed form of Indent No. 676 Book G dated June 23rd, 1785 “delivered to Mr. Richard Graham this our Indented Certificate for the Sum of Sixty nine pounds twelve Shillings & four pence Sterling Balance of Wages & Prize Money due him as Master at Arms on board the *South Carolina*² Frigate as per Certificate from the Auditor General.”]

[p 3: Reverse of the above Indent bearing, among others, the following endorsement:

Hi Assign all my right and title & interest of the within Indent to Mr. B. Mos: Spitzer or order value received 25th June 1785

S/ Rich'd Graham

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Rich'd Graham', written on a piece of paper with a slightly irregular, torn edge.

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 *South Carolina*. Foote: 112-116, 119, 120, SchV:55, M:274, privateer man of war of 40 guns, 1355 tons, manned by 540 men, which left the Texel (the Netherlands) on 25 August 1781, with SC Navy Commodore Alexander Gillon in command. This vessel was the property of France, originally the *Indien*, built in Holland, loaned to the State of South Carolina for 3 years for privateering. It took part in the Spanish/American capture of Nassau in 1782, under Capt John Joyner. The ship was taken by the British in Sep 1782, and crew sent to prison in New York. One of its prizes was taken Sep 1781 and one of its prize crew sent to Mill Prison. (Clark:I:138 shows her captured 19 Dec 1782, by the British *Astrea*, *Diomeda*, *Quebec*. The ship is said to have arrived in New York on 24 Dec.) Ford1782:309, 632, 703, Ford1784:332. JA6:295, 9:491. CTN:58. CTP:123. Foote:120-121, Caleb Foote served as a seaman on the *South Carolina* for 14 months. DaviesXIX:2156, Germans in crew. Volo:53. Silverstone:20. Paullin:448. Chapelle:96, 116. Coggins:102. <https://www.awiatsea.com/Hough/Hough%20List%20S.html> See also, James A. Lewis, *Neptune's Militia: The Frigate South Carolina during the American Revolution*, Kent, Ohio: The Kent State University Press, 1999 See also, D. E. Huger Smith. Commodore Alexander Gillon and the Frigate South Carolina *The South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine* Vol. 9, No. 4 (Oct., 1908), pp. 189-219

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Memorial of Richard Graham
referred Committee on Pensions Colonel Calhoun Chairman

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South Carolina

To the Honorable John Ward,
Esquire, President of the Senate of the
State of South Carolina

The Memorial of Richard Graham

Humbly prayeth

That your Memorialist, conceiving himself entitled to some Compensation for Services performed on board the *South Carolina* Frigate under the Command of Commodore Alexander Gillon, and Captain John Joyner, in the Capacity of Master of Alarms, with the pay of Five pounds per month in which Station your Memorialist was severely wounded, in the year 1781 when lying in the harbor of Corrunna [Corunna] (in Spain) in assisting to Quell a mutiny on board said Ship: the wounds which he then received (being on his right arm, near the wrist which cut the Sinews thereof) has rendered him incapable of pursuing his occupation, viz.: That of a Scrivener: As also three other wounds on his left shoulder, two of which were with a Sword, and one with a Bayonet, which renders him incapable of following any other Calling.

Your Memorialist further state to your Honorable Body, that he has continued in the Service of this State on board said Ship until she was taken and carried into New York Harbor, and there detained a Prisoner until the Peace.

Your Memorialist beg leave to inform your Honorable Body, the reason why he did not make application before in his situation of disability, was from a wish to be as little burdensome to his Fellow Citizens as possible, more especially being not in want, having received an appointment as Gunner at Fort Johnston in the Harbor of Charleston South Carolina, where your Memorialist continued in the Service of the State, until it became a Federal Post. –

Your Memorialist's disability prevented him entering into Actual Service – Your Memorialist pray your Honorable Body to grant him such relief as his Situation demands, and which he conceives he has a claim. – Your Memorialist with due submission [image at the bottom of the page ends here]

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pray [one or more words too faint to discern] your Honorable Body, that his request is not unprecedented, viz.: John Young who was wounded in that ever memorable Action of Fort Sullivan in the year 1776, under the Command of that Venerable Officer then Colonel, now General William Moultrie. –

And your Memorialist lastly prays your Honorable Body to grant him every other relief in the premises, which to you, shall seem meet,³ or which he may be entitled to.

And your Memorialist will ever pray

S/ Richard Graham

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.



City of Charleston
3rd November 1803

N. B. For further, and more Correct information, your Memorialist refers your Honorable House to the Portage Bill Book of said Ship aforesaid now in the hands of the Comptroller General of the State aforesaid where it appears there is still a balance due your Memorialist.

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The committee to whom the petition of Richard Graham [was referred]

Report

that they have considered the purport of the same and are of opinion that the prayer ought to be granted & that he be put on the pension list

[p 10: Printed form of a receipt dated January 31st, 1804 in the amount of \$22 paid to Mr. Richard Graham for the pension allowed him by an Act of 1803.]

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State of South Carolina

To the Honorable Theodore Gilliard Speaker & others the
Members of the House of Representatives
The Memorial & petition of Richard Graham,

Sheweth

That your memorialist having served during the late American War, on board the *South Carolina* frigate commanded by the late Commodore Gillon, and Captain John Joiner, both in Europe and America, in the several capacities of Master of Arms & Gunner, as will appear by the Portage Bill book, in the office of the Comptroller, your Memorialist further Sheweth, to your Honorable House, that a large balance is still due, and owing to him by the said State, for his Services on board the said frigate, He further Sheweth that he is legally entitled to prize Money arising from the captures of the following Vessels, (*Videlicet* [Viz.]) a Brigantine from Newfoundland, laden with Codfish and which was carried in, and sold in Teneriffe [Tenerife]⁴, and purchased by Mr. Augustine Buyck, who Sent her to Cadiz. Three Ships, and Two Brigantines, from the Island of Jamaica from the port of Glasgow, and which were carried in and sold in the Havana, Your Memorialist is also entitled to a further share of prize money in behalf of the late George Patterson (Masters Mate) also William Lardner, Richard Cain, & John Callaghan who served as Seamen on board the said frigate on whose estate your Memorialist has duly administered, Your Memorialist prays that the respective principles, and the interest due respectively thereon, being ascertained, and your Honorable House, being satisfied of the Justice of the several claims, herein before Stated, by a reference to the portage bill, Such provision will be made for the liquidation, and payment thereof, as to your Honorable body shall Seem equitable and Just – You will Memorialist beg leave further to state, to your Honorable House, that he is disabled in consequence of Severe wounds in the right arm, received on board the said

⁴ The largest and most populous island in the Canary Islands

Frigate, all which Services, and Claims, your Memorialist most humble he Submits, and prays Relief in the premises, and so forth.

S/ Richard Graham

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Petition & report of Richard Graham

30 November 1807

tomorrow

1 December 1807

agreed to

[undeciphered abbreviation] Petitioner

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The Committee to whom was referred the petition & Memorial of Richard Graham praying for compensation for Services & prize money due him on board the *South Carolina* Frigate during the late War –

Report –

That the prayer of the said petition be not granted –