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South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to James Thurston SC3377
Audited Account No. 7793

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James Thurston's Account of a Horse lost in Militia at Stono [Stono Ferry] in 1779, Amounting to

[old South Carolina] Currency £11.2.1
Stg. [Sterling] £2.11.8 ½

No Certificate

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

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State of South Carolina Dr. [Debtor] to James Thustin [sic]
for a Horse lost in April 1779

£175 per Dn [???
In Currency £18.2.1
Stg. £2.11.8 ½

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April 20, 1779

State of South Carolina Dr. [debtor]

To James Thuston [sic]

to one Black horse Lost In the publick Service in the Expedition to Stono appraised to £175 by
Captain Joseph Hays [Joseph Hayes]² & James Waldrop

Personally Appeared before me one of the State Justices James Thuston and Made Oath that the
Above Account is Just and True and that he has Never received any Thing for the Same. Sworn
to before me this 6th Day of June 1783

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² At the time of the Stono Ferry expedition, Capt. Joseph Hayes was under the command of Col. James Williams of the Little River Militia Regiment.

S/ John Williams, JP

S/ James Thurston, X his mark

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Petition

James Thurston

Senate

1791

December 7

Committee

Mr. Wadsworth

Mr. Simkins

Col. Brandon

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To the Honorable the President & Senate of the State of South Carolina

May it Please your Honors

The Petition of James Thurston Humbly Sheweth –

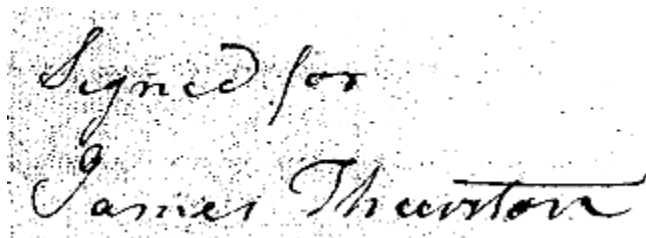
That your petitioner in the Course of the last war with Great Britain served his country in the character of a private Soldier in a Regiment commanded by Colonel James Williams, with unblemished reputation. After the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] he unfortunately became a prisoner in the hands of the Enemy, and was immediately committed to close prison in Ninety Six (now Cambridge) where his punishment was much greater than he had reason to expect from a Civilized people; he was while a prisoner & in Jail taken with the small Pox, and for the want of such attendance as a human in his condition required; and likewise destitute of the common necessities of life, he was entirely deprived of the use of both his Eyes. In this unhappy situation, with a wife and two helpless babes does your petitioner reside in Laurens County on no other dependence than the Charity of his good neighbors for a subsistence, which in process of time must and will prove irksome – Your petitioner therefore prays that this Honorable Body will take his most truly lamentable and deplorable situation into their most serious consideration, and grant him such relief as may enable him to stop the cries of his children, which frequently happens for the want of bread; And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

Laurens County

December 1, 1791

Signed for

James Thurston

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Signed for James Thurston". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

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The Committee on the Petition of James Thurston,

Report that the facts set forth in the Petition appear true, Your Committee therefore recommend that the said James Thurston shall be entitled to receive out of the public Treasury of this State the Sum allowed by a Resolution of the 15th of March 1786 for

freeman having families who have been maimed or disabled in the Service of this State together with the arrearages of such Annuity from the said 15th March 1786

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The Committee to whom were referred the Petition of James Thurston

Report

That they have considered the same and do recommend that said Petitioner be put on the same footing as the invalids of the late States Troops, and that the treasurers be ordered to pay the same together with such arrearages as would have been due your petitioner had he been first put on that Establishment.