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South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to James Harbison SC3451
Audited Account No. 3309

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[illegible] The State of South Carolina

To James Harbison

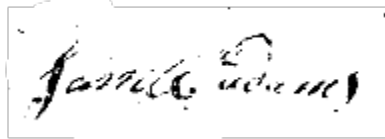
Dr.

for Duty Done as Horsemen in Capt. Adams Company
of Colonel Lacey's Regiment of militia

To 50 days

£50.0.0

The above duty certified by me Samll adams²



3rd August

1780 To 1 Horse Taken full public Service
Appraised 72.10 is

72.10.0

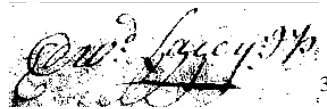
Total 122.10

Joseph [?] John Cowan Stg. £17.10

Camden District } Personally appeared Mr. James Harbison Before me and made oath That the
above account as it stands Stated against the public is Just & true and that he has neither received
part nor parcel thereof

Sworn to 30th August 1784 before

S/ Edwd. Lacey, JP



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² [Samuel Adams SC119](#)

³ This is the signature of Colonel Edward Lacey of the South Carolina militia.

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The Petition of James Harbison

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Pensions

Genl. Anderson

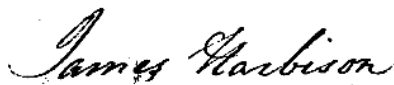
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To the honorable the Speaker and the honorable the Members of the House of Representatives of the State of So Carolina

The Petition of James Harbison of York Dist. Humbly Sheweth that your Petitioner in the late Revolutionary war with great Britain distinguished himself as a friend to the American cause of Liberty & in the month of February 1781 Under the Command of Brigadier Genl. Sumpter in Capt Sam^l Adams Company he was Severely wounded and taken Prisoner and by Reason of which Your Petitioner is Rendered Unable to make A livelihood and has Never Received more than one years Pension –

Your Petitioner Begg your honorable^{body} to take his case under Your Serious Consideration and grant him such relief as in your Wisdom Shall think meet⁴ and Your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever Pray

S/ James Harbison



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Deposition of James Harbison

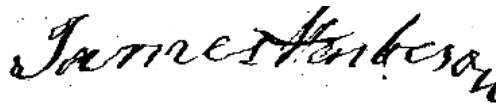
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State So Carolina

York District } Personally appeared James Harbison before me the Subscribing Justice and Made Oath according to Law, and Saith that in the Month of February 1781 he the deponent was Under the Command of Brigadier Genl. Sumpter in Capt Adams Company at Wrights Bluff⁵ in an engagement with the enemy he was Severely wounded & taken prisoner that being at this time far advanced in Years And in Consequence of said Wounds finds himself unable to make a livelihood, and Only has a piece of land of small-cap value & slave. Sworn & subscribed to this 15th of November 1800

S/ Maliston [?] Henry, JP

S/ James Harbison



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The Petition of James Harbison 12th December 1801

⁴ 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.

⁵ February 24, 1781 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_watson_1.html

Referred = Committee on Pensions

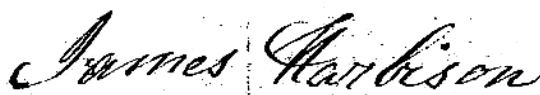
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To the Honorable the President and the Honorable the Senate

The Petition of James Harbison Humbly Sheweth that your Petitioner in the Revolutionary war with Great Britain distinguished himself as a friend of the American cause of liberty and in the year 1779 in the month of Feb^{ry} being under the Command of Brigadier General Sumpter in Captain Sam^l Adams Company at Wright's Bluff was dangerously Wounded and taken Prisoner by Reason of which wounds Your Petitioner finds himself unable to make A livelihood and having no Negroes

Your Petitioner therefore prays Your Honorable body would take his Case under your Serious Consideration and grant him Such Relief as you in your Wisdoms shall think meet & Your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

S/ James Harbison



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South Carolina

Chester District } Capt Samuel Addams [sic] appears before me, and Certifys on Oath, that when he commanded a Militia Company in Col. Lacey's Ridgmet in the late Revolutionary War, that in the year 1781, in the Month of February, (he believes,) that James Harbison of York District in this State, was in his Company, & under his Command at Wrights-Bluff in an engagement with the Enemy in defense of his Country, and said Harbison was taken prisoner, & he believes, Severely wounded as he afterwards saw his wounds, & knew said Harbison to be a friend of his Country

Sworn to this 1st
they of Dec^r 1801
before me

S/ Jo McCreary, JQ

S/ Samldams



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The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the Petition of James Harbison, Report: That they have considered the case of the Petitioner & recommend that he be placed on the Pension List. –

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The petition of James Harbison York District praying arrears of Pension
Comm. On Pensions

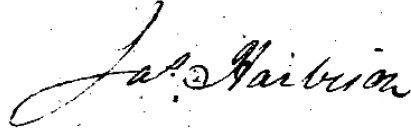
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State of South Carolina York District

To the Honorable Speaker & house of Representatives at Columbia.

The humble petition of James Harbison Sheweth that he was put on the pension list & drew One Years Annuity as will appear from the Treasurer's Office in the year 1785 Since Which time he has Received nothing & has become infirm & unable to procure his maintenance by Industry he therefore prays that he may be Allowed his pension together with the Arrears, due him & your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray
December 1st 1804

S/ Jas. Harbison



I hereby certify, That I am acquainted with Jas. Harbison, and believe the facts stated in his petition to be just and true
Columbia December 17th, 1804

S/ A. Meek



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Treasury Office
Columbia 17 December 1804

I do certify that James Harbison, Pensioner, received on the 12 February 1785 – the sum of Eight Pounds 15/- being for one Years Annuity – as appears by the Books now in this Office – & that he has not received any Monies Since Said period.

S/ James S. Grignard
State Treasurer