

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Major Parsons SC3609 pp28
Audited Account No. 5716

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Government House
Charleston August 27th, 1780 for

The Governor presents his Compliments to Mr. Auditor & Account General – if it can be admitted, Captain Parsons will take it as a favor to audit his Account directly.

Order to Audit Captain Parson's Account
James McCall Ex'd
Auditor & Account General
State South Carolina

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No. 1234 No. 90 20th December 85 [1785]

[Book] X

Major Parsons for 860 days Duty as Captain of Horse in Col. Roebuck's [Benjamin Roebuck's] Regiment, from 7th of June 1780 to 15th July 1783 alternately

Charged [old South Carolina] Currency £2895.10

Add more error in adding £11.10

Do in intn on 3rd charge £103.10 114.10
£3010.0

Deduct less, 2 days on

1st and 1 Do on 2nd charge 10.10
£2999.10

Stg. [Sterling] £428.10

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

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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State South Carolina Dr. [Debtor] to Majour Parsons [sic] Capt.

To 393 Days Militia Duty on Horse back commencing

less 2 days the 7th Day June 1780 & Ending the 1st Day July 1781

both Days Included & Certified by Col. John Thomas

Junior as Appears per my pay Bill

at 70/² £1375.10

To 110 day Militia Duty as Capt. of Horse from the 1st day of

November until the 10th 1781 both days Included

Certified by Benjamin Roebuck Col. As appears

by my paid bill

at 70/ 35

& Cap. in P. Bill

To 292 Days Militia Duty done on Horse back from

more the 3rd Day of July 1780 until the 1st day May 1782

£103.10² as appears per my pay Bill Certified by Col. Roebuck

at 70/ £918.10

To 165 days duty as Capt. of Horse from the 1st February 1783

and Ending the 15th July Following at 70/per day

& Certified by Gen. Pickens [Andrew Pickens] as appears

per my Pay Bill

£577.10

Currency £2895.10

Add more error in adding £11

Do Do in extn of the 3rd charge 103.10

114.10

£3010

Deduct less 2 days on 1st &

1 Do on 3rd charge

10.10

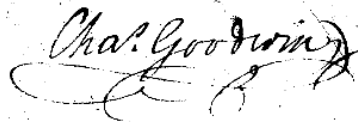
£2999.10

Stg. £428.10

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Received 20th [undeciphered, probably intended to be "Dec."] 1785, full Satisfaction for the Within in an Indent No. 1234, Book X for Major Parsons by an order

S/ Chas. Goodwin



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5th Day May 1784 – I have this Day received from General Richard Winn, the full value of my Account against the Public, now lying in the Auditor’s Office for auditing, and afterwards to get an Indent for the same from the Treasury and I do request the Commissioners of the Treasury of the State of South Carolina, to make out the Indent for the same with the Interest pursuant to the Resolve of the Legislative in that Case, to him, the said Richard Winn and to accept this as a Receipt in full against the Public for the said Account. S/ Major Parsons, X his mark

² Seventy Shillings old South Carolina currency per day was the per diem pay rate for a Captain in the South Carolina mounted militia providing their own horse and equipment.

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Charleston 15 October 1785 I do hereby assign all my Right and Interest in and to the within Account unto Charles Goodwin Attorney at Law full value this day of him received And I do hereby request the Commissioners of the Treasury to make out the Indent for this Account in his Name And I do also engage that the above account shall pass the offices to full Amount being four hundred twenty eight pounds ^{10s. 8d} Sterling money. As witness my hand

S/ Rich'd Winn



[p 9: Printed form of Indent No. 1234 Book X]

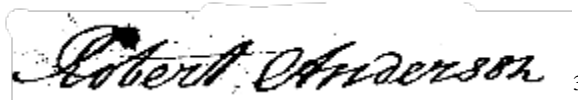
[pp 10-11: Images of the reverse of the above Indent bearing only endorsements by Charles Goodwin]

[Note: The balance of the papers in this file relate to claims for supplies provided for military use during the war by the veteran and to claims for a horse lost during the war. I have not transcribed those with the exception of the document appearing below.]

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South Carolina Pendleton County} I do hereby certify that Captain Major Parsons had three accounts for personal Service and three other Accounts all returned by me into the Auditor's Office one for supplies to the Army amounting to £377.5/ old Currency, Another for the same, amounting to £39, like money, and one for a horse lost in the service, appraised at £150 old Currency per

S/ Robert Anderson



Captain Major Parsons made oath before me that he never received any Indent or Indents, or other restitution, for any of the three last mentioned Accounts – That he furnished the provisions by the order of Col. John Thomas [Jr], to Troops Stationed for the defense of the frontier Settlements in the late War – Which provisions he bought and paid for with his own money, or property, having acted as a Commissary by the order of Col. Thomas, as aforesaid, and for which services as a Commissary, he never charged the public one shilling, but only charged for the provisions which he bought, and for which he was obliged to pay with his own Estate, for the good of the Service; the whole of which is included in the two Accounts above mentioned, entitled Supplies to the Army, for which he never received any pay, or compensation, either directly or indirectly – That the horse appraised at £150 as aforesaid, was taken from him by the Indians or Tories, or both, as well as he can recollect, about the month of April 1781, when he went on duty, with a command of Men, in pursuit of a party of Indians & Tories who had made an excursion on the frontier Settlements near where he was on duty with his Company at that time – That in the Indian Country, at that time, his said horse, with eight others were stole by the

³ This is the signature of Colonel Robert Anderson of the South Carolina militia and the author of the Return [not extant] proving many of the back country claims for service and supplies.

Enemy: Which said horse he never got, nor received any pay or compensation for him, notwithstanding his best endeavors to get his said horse, or obtain his value from the public which he thought in justice he had a right to receive that the said horse was appraised by two freeholders upon oath at £150 as charged in the said account.

Sworn this 13th of June 1792

Before me

S/ Robert Anderson, JP

S/ Major Passons [sic]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Major Passons". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. To the right of the signature, there is a small number "4".

⁴ This is the only 'signature' of this veteran which appears in all the documents in this file other than the claim for service made in 1784 which he signed with his mark as indicated above.