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South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Benjamin Tutt SC3954
Audited Account No. 7970

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Benjamin Tutt to the Governor Dated February 17th 83 [1783]
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Charles Town February 17, 1783

Sir

I have the honor to Address your Excellency in behalf of myself & the other Officers and Soldiers of the Independent Company formerly in the Service of the State under my Command.

About the time of the Surrender of this Capital to the British [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780], the time of the Inlistments of most of the Men was near expired, that [undeciphered word] and the amasing depreciation of our Currency put it out of my power to continue them in the Service or to Inlist others. I was therefore induced to discharge those whose times had expired, the remainder about forty whose times were almost nearly out, remained at Fort Rutledge until that Post was delivered up to the British in consequence of Orders from the then Brigadier General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] who had always the direction of that Post, and its Garrison in Consequence of Powers vested in him by the Governor or Legislature.

Myself, the other Officers and Soldiers surrendered Prisoners of War and obtain Paroles, the Stores were delivered to a party of the Enemy detached by Colonel Brown [Thomas Brown, a.k.a. Thomas "Burnt Foot" Brown] from Augusta, which Party remained a few weeks at the Fort and then destroyed it and returned to Augusta.

There are accounts for building that Fort, Waggoning Provisions &c due myself to a considerable amount, also Pay due to the Officers and Men for about sixteen months, some of the pay Bills are [paper damaged and text rendered illegible, could be "attached"] and there is authentic vouchers ready to be produced for the [paper damaged and text rendered illegible]. The

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hardships the Officers and Men suffered by receiving part of their pay at a very depreciated rate, and the [sic, they] not receiving a great part of it at all will be so obvious to your Excellency, that I need not observe any further on that occasion.

The Officers had also the promise of Cloathing from the Public which they never received.

I have been lately applied to by the Officers and some of the Men to obtain relief in their different circumstances and have promised to do everything in my power to have them done Justice. I must therefore beg leave to submit the matter to your Excellency not doubting but so soon as provision can possibly be made for the purpose the money will be paid or the amounts put on such a footing as will render the matter upon a certainty.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Excellency's most Obedient humble Servant
S/ Benj. Tutt

To

His Excellency Benjamin Guerard Esquire Governor and Commander in Chief of the State of South Carolina

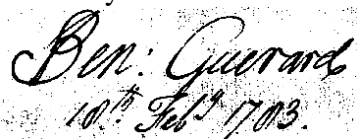
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Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen

To induce a Confidence in the Publick from its Servants in future, it is necessary to do the Strictest Justice to its former ones – to which end, I now Send you a letter I received from Mr. Benjamin Tutt in behalf of himself and others – if only the Clothing promised the Offices can be obtained for the present himself, brother Officers and Men will chearfully, wait a more convenient Period for the Remainder of their Application.

S/ Ben. Guerard²
18th Feby 1783



[p 7: Printed form of Indent No. 289 Book N dated April 2, 1785 “delivered to Mr. Benjamin Tutt this our INDENTED CERTIFICATE for the Sum of Seven Hundred and Six Pounds fifteen Shillings and Eight Pence half Penny Sterling for Duty done in an Independent Company and Disbursement for the Army as per Account Audited.”]

[p 8: Reverse of the above Indent bearing, among others, the following endorsement:

For Value received, I do hereby Transfer all my Right, title, and Interest, of the Within to James Neilsen, Witness my Hand this 9th day of March 1786

S/ Benj. Tutt

² [Benjamin Guerard SCS4](#)



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[No.] 642 [Book] X

Benjamin Tutt's Account of Militia Duty as Major in 1781, also for Waggon Service and a Horse lost on militia Account in 1779 and 1780 the whole Amounting to

[old South Carolina] Currency	<u>£5280.7.1</u>
Stg. [Sterling]	£754.6.8 ½

“Part of the above Wagon Service and the Horse both Amounting to £892.17.8 [?] old Currency not Certified”

Ex^d. W.R. [Examined by W. R. [identity unknown]]

J. M^c. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

Pass S/ EL [Edward Lightwood]

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State South Carolina Dr. [Debtor] to Benjamin Tutt

For Duty as Major in 1781 – 79 Days at 90³

£355.10

Waggon Service per Account audited

4896

a Horse lost in August 1779

48.13.1

Currency £5280.7.1

Stg. £754.6.8 ½

Received the 13 September 1785 full Satisfaction for the whole amount of the above Account in an Indent No. 642 Book X

S/ Benj. Tutt

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Public South Carolina

1781 to Benjamin Tutt

Dr.

September 23rd To pay for doing duty as Major from August 10 to this day is

37 days a £4.10/

£166.10

December 12 To pay from the 1st November to this day is 42 days a £4.10/

189

£355.10

Sworn to this 21st day of

June 1781 before

S/ Robert Anderson, JP

S/ Benj. Tutt

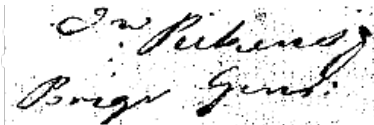
Certified 18 August 1783

S/ An. Pickens ⁴

Brig. Genl.

³ 90 shillings old South Carolina currency per day

⁴ [Andrew Pickens SC3214](#)



Received 13 September 1785 full Satisfaction for the above Account in an indent No. 642 X
S/ Benj. Tutt

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Petition of Edmond Holiman [sic, Edmund Holliman] Heir to Captain Benjamin Tutt praying for payment for services done During the Revolutionary War

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

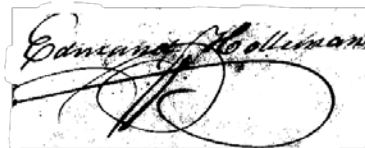
Your petitioner Sheweth that he is intermarried with Catherine Tutt the only Heir known to your petitioner of Capt. Benjamin Tutt, who commanded one of the Independent Companies who was detached by Governor Rutledge [John Rutledge] to guard the frontiers of the State of South Carolina under a solemn promise made by the said Governor Rutledge that the Officers so detached should receive all the Emoluments which Officers should receive who continued in the line, that under this agreement the said Capt. B. Tutt was Stationed at Fort Rutledge which was on the extreme Western frontier of this State until the fall of Charleston, and that he the said Capt. B. Tutt continued to the end of the war in actual service of the State; your petitioner therefore prays that the same Compensation may be allowed to the Heirs of Capt. B. Tutt as was given to Capt. John Bowie,⁵ under the same circumstances and for the like services. Your petitioner cannot for one Moment doubt that the Legislature of South Carolina will hesitate to do equal Justice to Capt. Benjamin Tutt as it has done to Captain J Bowie, to Lieutenant[s] Richard Tutt,⁶ Prince [Thomas Prince],⁷ Farrar [Thomas Farrar]⁸ and Earle [Samuel Earle].⁹ The Vouchers enclosed will prove the facts stated by your petitioner and the Records of the Legislature will show that some of the Lieutenants which have been lately paid by the State, has been so paid as serving under said Capt. B. Tutt; your petitioner further states he was only made acquainted since the last sitting of the Legislature of this State, that those Claims have been admitted by the State. The death of Capt. Benjamin Tutt, also of his Wife many years since has been the reason why his so Just claim had not been brought before you Your Honorable body.

Your petitioner therefore prays that he as Heir to Capt. B. Tutt may be enabled to receive the pay as may be allowed by your Honorable House to be due to Capt. B. Tutt, or such other regulations as will in your wisdom be most conducive to do Justice to the State and your Petitioner.

Abbeville

SC November 11th 1824

S/ Edmund Holliman



⁵ [John Bowie SC12](#)

⁶ [Richard Tutt SC527](#)

⁷ [Thomas Prince SC3958](#)

⁸ [Thomas Farrar R3449](#)

⁹ [Samuel Earle S21174](#)

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South Carolina Abbeville District} Personally appeared before me Andrew Hamilton one of the Justices of the peace, for the District aforesaid Capt. William Carithers¹⁰ and being duly Sworn deposeth & saith that he acted as one of the Spies under the Command of Capt. Benjamin Tutt upwards of one year, while he (Tutt) commanded the State Troops at the Sinica [Seneca] Station [a.k.a., Fort Rutledge] & from that time this Deponent was acquainted with Benjamin Tutt during the Revolutionary War; annual deponent saith that Capt. Benjamin Tutt was promoted to the Always of Major during the War, in which capacity he served to the conclusion of peace.

Sworn before me

3rd November 1823

S/ A. Hamilton, JQ

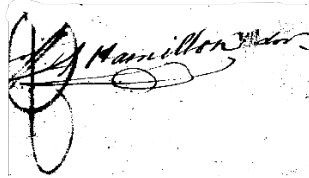
S/ Wm Carithers



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South Carolina Abbeville District} Personally appeared before me one of the Justices of the Peace for the District aforesaid Andrew Hamilton Senior who being Duly Sworn deposeth, and saith that he was intimately Acquainted with Capt. Benjamin Tutt in the time of the Revolutionary War – That he (Hamilton) was Ordered with part of his Company of Militia to Join Capt. Tutt at the Senica [Seneca] Station, where they remained on duty ten days – that he and Capt. Tutt were both in the battle at the Eutaw Spring [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781], and Deponent further adds that he thinks he (Tutt) was afterwards promoted to the Office of Major, as he was invariably called by that Title.

S/ A. Hamilton Snr.¹¹



Sworn to before me

3rd day of November 1828

S/ W. [Undeciphered name], JP

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I Thomas Farrar of Pendleton District and State of South Carolina do hereby Certify that I served in the first Independent Company commanded by Capt. Benjamin Tutt as his second Lieutenant Commissioned by Gov. John Rutledge from the early part of 1777, to the fall of Charleston in 1780, and that Capt. Benjamin Tutt a great part of that time commanded at Fort Rutledge on the frontiers of this State & that after the fall of Charleston we were made prisoners by Capitulation of that Fort & all the appurtenances. After this event, I do still certify that I was well acquainted with Capt. Benjamin Tutt though [sic, through?] the troubles of the War, and that I always found him a true friend to his Country; He is dead & gone, but I am a living Witness to his Attachment to the cause of his Country, which if called upon I can give indisputable proof. I do further Certify that the Petitioner Edmund Holliman & his Wife, Catherine are the legal Representatives

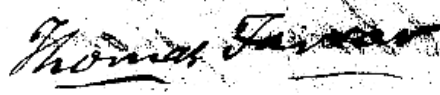
¹⁰ I think this is likely the same man as [William Carithers \(Caruthers\) W6628](#)

¹¹ [Andrew Hamilton S18000](#)

of Capt. B. Tutt and that they and their Children are Justly entitled to Capt. B. Tutt's
Commutation.

South Carolina
Pendleton District

S/ Thomas Farrar¹²

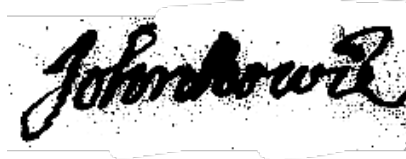


Sworn to this 27th day
of February 1824 before me
S/ Jesse P Lewis, Notary Public Ex officio Qu.

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South Carolina Abbeville District} I do hereby certify that Capt. Benjamin Tutt with myself was
detached from the fifth Regiment commanded by Col. Isaac Huger & commissioned by
Governor John Rutledge in the Stateline as independent Companies.
Certified this 5th of November 1823

S/ John Bowie



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South Carolina

Pendleton District} Personally appeared John Looney¹³ one of the Soldiers of the American
Revolution & being legally Sworn deposes as follows, that sometime in the year 1777 Your
deponent enlisted under Capt. Benjamin Tutt at the time he commanded at fort Rutledge on
Seneca River, for the term of three Years or during the War, & that you will deponent served
faithfully until the Battle of Savannah in October 1779¹⁴ at which time Your deponent received a
desperate wound in the Ankle, after being severely afflicted with that wound upwards of forty-
four years, Your deponent had his leg Amputated, in consequence of which this deponent did no
more duty through the war, but was well acquainted with Capt. Tutt to the conclusion of peace &
until his death, Your deponent further declares that he believes there never lived, nor never died,
any Man more attached to the American cause then Capt. Benjamin Tutt.

Sworn to & Subscribed
before me 8th July 1824
S/ Caleb Field, QU

S/ John Looney



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¹² [Thomas Farrar R3449](#)

¹³ [John Looney S1553](#)

¹⁴ Siege of Savannah September 16-October 9, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790916-savannah/>

South Carolina

Abbeville District} I do hereby Certify that I was in the Revolutionary War, from its commencement to the conclusion of Peace, and that during the whole of that time I was well acquainted with Capt. Benjamin Tutt, and Knew him to be an active, Vigilant Officer through the whole of that Struggle: I also know he commanded the Garrison on the Seneca River called fort Rutledge, the then frontier of the State, while Capt. John Bowie commanded also, a frontier Garrison. And I do further Certify, that after the fall of Charleston in 1780, that Capt. Benjamin Tutt in company with General Pickens, Col. Anderson, Col. Purves, Capt. John Bowie, or some part of them, together with many other Patriots went off to North Carolina, and as soon as the turn of times in favor of the Country, would permit, Capt. Benjamin Tutt and the other Officers returned and resumed the field, in which Capt. Benjamin Tutt continued to the conclusion of peace with much credit to himself & advantageous to his Country. Certified this 4th day of May 1824.

S/ Thos. Shanklin [Thomas Shanklin]¹⁵



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South Carolina

Pendleton District} I Robert Looney of the State and District aforesaid in the Seventy-sixth year of life, do hereby Solemnly Certify that I inlisted in the Year 1777 under Capt. Benjamin Tutt who commanded the first Independent Company at fort Rutledge on the Seneca River & was Armourer to Capt. Tutt, & was included among the prisoners at the fall of that fortress, after this event I was well acquainted with Captain B. Tutt through the balance of the Revolutionary War, & always found him at his post, faithfully performing the duties entrusted to him & so remained to the conclusion of Peace. And I do further Certify that Capt. Tutt was not only true and faithful to the cause of his Country but he was also one of the finest officers of his grade, that I was acquainted with in the American Army.

State South Carolina

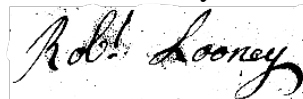
Pendleton District} Before me personally appeared Mr. Robert Looney who being Sworn in due form of the Law upon his Oath deposeth & saith that the within Certificate is just & true to the best of his knowledge & belief.

Sworn to & Subscribed

Before me 9 July 1824

S/ Caleb Field, QU

S/ Robt. Looney¹⁶



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I Do Certify that I have known and been acquainted with Robert Looney for upwards of forty years, and that he has always Sustained a Good Character and an honest upright man and that he Served his Country faithfully through the Revolutionary war and, three years of the time under

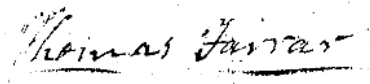
¹⁵ [Thomas Shanklin SC3957](#)

¹⁶ [Robert Looney SC3956](#)

my Command in the first Independent Company Commanded by Capt. Benjn Tutt, where I Served as Lieutenant.

Given under my hand this 3rd August 1824

S/ Thomas Farrar



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Resolved that it be referred to the Comptroller General, to collect the evidence; and at his discretion to decide on the number, and identity of the heirs of Capt. Benjamin Tutt and after satisfying himself on these points, he shall direct the Treasurer to pay over to them, respectively, [word obliterated and rendered illegible] case of either of their deaths, to their executors or administrators the several shares, or sums of money granted in the Act of the Legislature to the Heirs of Capt. Benjamin Tutt, according to the true intent and meaning of that law. And his decision in the case shall be final and conclusive.

Resolved that any money that may be due to the State by either of the Claimants shall be reclaimed and deducted from the sum they may be entitled to draw.

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December 4th 1824

Report of Committee on Claims on the petition of Edmond Holliman¹⁸

A [undeciphered surname] Char^m [Chairman]

In the House of Representatives

December 7th 1824

Resolved that the House do agree to the Report

Ordered that it be Sent to the Senate for concurrence

By order of the House

S/ R. Anderson, C.H.R.

In the Senate 13th December 1824

Resolved that this House do Concur in the Report

Ordered that it be returned to the House of Representatives.

By order of Senate

S/ Wm D. Martin, C. S.

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¹⁸ Holliman's petition is not in this file but see above p 13.

The Committee on Claims to whom was referred the petition of Edmond Holliman praying Commutation pay due Captain Benjamin Tutt for Revolutionary services, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully beg leave to make the following Report.

In the year 1793 Capt. John Bowie presented a petition to the Legislature praying Commutation pay. That petition was referred to a committee of the Senate of which Mr. Pinckney was Chairman. After consideration the Committee made a Report to the following effect. That during the war the Legislature by a resolution had detached certain officers viz., John Bowie, Thomas Farrar, Samuel Earle and Richard Tutt, with their companies from the fifth Regiment of S.C. State troops commanded by Col. Huger [Isaac Huger] to guard the frontiers; under the express condition that they should be entitled to all the pay, emoluments, &c that they would be entitled to provided they continued in the line. The Committee therefore concluded that as the Continental Officers at the close of the war had received five years full pay in lieu of half pay for life by a Resolution of Congress, and as the Officers in question would have been entitled to the Commutation if they had continued in the line, that therefore the State ought to pay them an equivalent instead of their Commutation, and Concluded by recommending that the prayer of the petitioner be granted. The Senate took up the Report of the Committee and after debate it was disagreed to, as will appear by a reference to the Journals of the Senate of 1793. Within the Course of the last six or seven years these claims have again been brought before the Legislature, and on the strength of the foregoing Report, have all been passed and paid. The present claim appears to be one of the same character with those which have been paid, and although the name of Benjamin Tutt does not appear in the report of the Committee of 1793, yet the petitioner has produced evidence from other sources which indicate that he must have been of that [word obliterated and rendered illegible] officers, debated on that occasion. The evidence produced by the petitioner not only satisfy your Committee that Capt. Benjamin Tutt was a faithful soldier and good officer during the war but also that the Claim of his Representative is of the same character with those of John Bowie, Samuel Earle and others which have been paid, Your Committee therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be granted to the amount of four thousand four hundred and eighteen dollars. The Committee further recommend that the money be paid in equal shares to the heirs of Capt. Benjamin Tutt.

A. [undeciphered surname] Chairman

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The Committee on Claims to whom was referred the Petition of Edmund Hollyman [sic] beg leave to report

That they have duly Examined the same together with the Accompanying documents by which we find that Capt. Benjamin Tutt Commanded a Company of the fifth Regiment Under the command of Col. Isaac Huger, and that he was detached by Order of Governor J. Rutledge to guard the frontiers of this State together with Capt. John Bowie – that the said Captain B. Tutt continued as an Independent Company Until the end of the Revolutionary War. We also find that Lieutenant Thomas Farrow [sic, Thomas Farrar] and Lieut. Tutt have received their Commutation as Subaltern Officers Serving under the said Capt. Benjamin Tutt. We therefore Respectfully recommend that the Heirs of the said Capt. Benjamin Tutt be paid the Sum of Four Thousand four hundred and Sixteen Dollars it being the Paid to Capt. John Bowie for Similar Services Under Similar Circumstances.

November 26th 1824

S/ John K. Griffin, Chairman