

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Gavin James SC4262
Audited Account No. 3991

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[p 2: This document is totally illegible as posted online. According to Salley's Stub Entries, the following information applies to his veteran.

No. 433 Book P Issued the 4th May 1785 – to Mr. Gavin James – for Two pounds, 10s – Sterling
– for 28 days Service as Sergeant in Colonel McDonald's Regiment in 1782 – as per part of
Account Audited. –
Principal £2.10 Annual Interest £ __.3.6]

[p 3]

1780

August 5th To Duty from this Date as a Private
 in Colonel McDonald's [Archibald McDonald's] Regiment
 to the 12th May 1781 at 10/ per Day²

1781

July 28 To Duty in Colonel McDonald's Do.
 To August 23rd 1781 at 10/per day

Sept. 23 To Duty in Do to 23rd of October at 10/per Day

Nov. 23

1782 To Duty in Do to 23 December at 10/

March 2? To Duty in Do 28 Days

 as Sergeant at 12/6 per day

June 27 To Duty in Do Twenty Days at 20/³

 Days Private £''''

 Days Sergeant £''''

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 this was the pay rate for a South Carolina militia man serving on foot

³ this was the pay rate for a South Carolina militia man serving on horseback providing his own force and equipment

*No Vouchers

Personally appeared Gavin James who Swore the above account is just and True. Sworn to 15 August 83

S/ P. Horry, J. P.

[p 4]
Certify/

That this day Rec'd Gavin James Account for £___ [undeciphered text] delivered to the Auditor's Office G. Town 15 August 1783

S/ P. Horry Comt.

G. T. [Undeciphered text] [George Town]

No. 8 £2.10/Stg.

[p 5: Printed form of Indent No. 433 Book P dated May 4, 1785 "delivered to Mr. James Gavin [sic] this our INDENTED CERTIFICATE for the Sum of Two Pounds, Ten Shillings Sterling for 28 Days Service as Sergeant in Col. McDonald's Regiment in 1782 as per part of Account Audited."]

[p 6: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements by Benjamin Guerard and Charles Lining. How these men acquired an interest in the indent is not disclosed by the documents in this file.]

[p 7]

The State of South Carolina

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To Gavin James

Dr.

To 7 Months duty as Sergeant in General

Marion's [Francis Marion's] brigade 210 days at ___ per day

3 months as a private in Ditto

90 days at ___ per day

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To the Honourable Robert Barnwell [?] – Speaker and Others the Members of the house of Representatives

The humble Petition of Gavin James

Sheweth;

That your Petitioner have a Claim against the State for Seven Months Service as Militia Sergeant and three Months ditto as Private in General Marion's Brigade as per Account herewith annexed and which accounts were returned and Entered in the Treasurer's Books by Col. Peter Horry;

Your petitioner on application for an indent was refused as the accounts were not properly Certified and on that account detained in the office; and whereas the term limited by

your Honourable house for Rendering in Claims against the State properly Certified is Expired your Petitioner is therefore likely to lose his just Claim;

Your Petitioner therefore Pray that your honourable house will take his case into their Consideration and Grant him such further indulgence to get his Account certified or otherwise grant an indent for the Same, and your Petitioner as in duty bound Will Ever Pray; –

S/ Gavin James

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gavin James", enclosed in a rectangular box.

Williamsburg County
18th April 1794

[p 12: identical petition addressed to the South Carolina Senate]

[p 14]

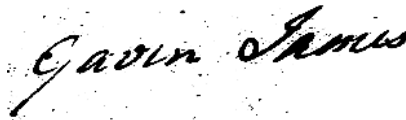
To the Honorable the President & the Honorable the Members of the Senate

The humble Petition of Gavin James Sheweth

That he is interested in & entitled to a proportion of certain Indents Issued one of them to Robert Witherspoon, the other to Mary James who afterwards intermarried with the said Robert & that the said Indents have been lost. Your Petitioner therefore prays that new Indents may be issued in the Room of those lost.

Nov. 1st 1798

S/ Gavin James

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gavin James", enclosed in a rectangular box.

[p 16: identical petition addressed to the Speaker and members of the House of Representatives of South Carolina.]

[Note: There are no documents in this file that indicate the resolution of the claims made by the veteran. There are several documents in the file that indicate the referral of the petition back and forth to various commissioners or committees.]