

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Cato SC461 [James Belin]
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[Note: James Belin made claim for a slave named Cato who was sent by Belin to work in Charleston, was put on board one of the SC galleys, sent to Georgia and captured by the British. Cato deserves to be acknowledged for his service in the Revolution, hence this record.]

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In 1779 To a prime likely young, Country born
Negro Fellow named Cato sent to the
Publick Works in Chas. Town² which
was put on board one of the State Gal-
leys & carried to Georgia, the Galley
was Captured by the Enemy by which
means I lost the Negro vallued at One
Hundred Guineas

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Personally appeared James Belin who Swears the above is Just & True – Sworn to before
me 19th July 1783

S/ P. Horry, J. P.

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² Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780.