

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Peter Le Poole SC4819
Audited Account No. 4474A

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To the Honorable John Lloyd Esquire President and the rest of the Honorable Senate. The
Petition of Peter Le Poole

Sheweth

That your petitioner having petitioned² your Honorable House the last sitting full a settlement of his account against the State for the Charter of the Brigantine *Liberty*³ P. Conway [Philip Conway], Master, your Honorable House were please to appoint a committee for that purpose; but the said committee could not settle it with your petitioner, on account of some papers, in the hands of the Council of Safety, being lost or mislaid. Therefore your petitioner begs that your Honorable House will now appoint a Committee for the purpose of settling with him and as in duty bound he will ever pray.

S/ Peter Le Poole

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter Le Poole". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Peter Le Poole".

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1st January Petition of Peter in the pool a demand against the State and for a settlement
Charleston
Committee
P 95.1788

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 The documents relating to the prior petition are illegibly faint as posted online.

³ *Liberty*.ND4:515, ND6:1268, SC brigantine, Capt Philip Conway, moving rice to West Indies, arrives at Charleston 25 Mar 1776. <https://www.awiatsea.com/Hough/Hough%20List%20L.html>

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To the Honorable the Speaker, and Others the Members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina

The Memorial of Peter Le Poole, Citizen of said State very respectfully,

Sheweth

That, consonant to the statement of Accounts within enclosed, Sworn to and duly attested, as underwritten the aforesaid State stands justly indented to your Memorialist in the sum of £10,853.6 old Currency the long detention of which by the Public out of his hands has subjected him to great losses and inconveniences –

That, your Memorialist (on requisition of the then Council of Safety) and for adjustment and liquidation of his claims as aforesaid, had delivered over to the said Council all the Original papers and Vouchers, substantiating those Claims, which papers and Vouchers have never been restored to your Memorialist and, as is alleged, were since lost or mislaid, while in the hands of said Council, as may more fully appear on inquiry before your Honorable House, or before any Committee of the same instituted for that purpose.

That in a former Session you will Memorialist has made his most respectful Appeal to both Houses of the Legislature for final Settlement, redress or compensation, but as the Committee which had then been appointed to audit and report on your Memorialist's just Claims had never called on your Memorialist to establish the truth of his Account, no Report had been made thereon; or if made it fell through for want of those proofs which your Memorialist could have still adduced had he been regularly summoned to appear, sent for, or called upon.

And That your Memorialist Trusting the Justice, honor and magnanimity of your Honorable House, trust that the Legislature of a great and enlightened State will not prove inattentive to the acknowledged Rights and pretensions of an old and approved Citizen of this Country, Trusting finally that the merit of his Account will, in this Session, obtain a fair, full & final discussion before a Committee competent to the task; He cheerfully submits the fate of this Memorial and of his claims to the Wisdom, equity and discretion of this August and Honorable Body he now must respectfully address.

Charleston January 30th, 1788

S/ Peter Le Poole

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Report of the Committee on the Memorial of Peter Le Poole 16th February 1788
To be Considered on Monday next 18th Debated & agreed to Sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence
R. 102.1788

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The Committee on the Memorial of Peter Le Poole

Report

That they have considered the said Memorial with attention, and altho' the memorialist, from the causes set forth in his memorial, had it not in his power to produce to your Committee the original papers and vouchers necessary to substantiate his claim, yet, from several corroborating Circumstances, as well as in consideration of the credibility of the character who exhibits upon oath and account of what he conceives he is justly entitled to, your Committee are fully of opinion that the Memorialist must as a will founded demand against the State for the higher of the Brigantine called the *Liberty* in the year 1776 and impressed with

that belief, they have stated an Account, annexed, between the memorialist and the State, amounting to £719.1.3 [Sterling] which they recommend should be paid, and that the Treasurers be directed to issue an indent in his favor accordingly.

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The State of South Carolina Dr. [Debtor] to Peter Le Poole
1776

March

The cost of repairs of the brig *Liberty* at St. Croix where
She put in, in distress, being bound to Sarah non-in the
service of the State, and Insured by the Council of

Safety £2225.8

For freight of the said Vessel to be ascertained on
her Cargo consisting of 418 whole & 50 half lbs rice
cost in Carolina per Invoice £5227.13.4

which Cargo it is supposed would not have
been Sold in the West Indies at a less
advance than 50 per Ct. 2613.16 .8

is £7841.10

From which deduct the amount of repairs 2225.8
£5616.2

This sum say £5616.2/ laid out in the West
Indies for the homeward bound Cargo, freight
on which was agreed to be paid at 50 per Ct.

2808.1
Currency £5033.9

Exchange 7 for 1 is £719.1.3 Sterling

[Note: Remaining documents reflect the approval of the claim and its payment to the claimant by Indent No. 489 Book Z dated March 14, 1788 in the amount of £905.15.4. No documents in the file indicate why the indent was in a larger amount than the claim but my guess is that it reflects the interest due the claimant on the amount he would have received had the claim been paid in a timely fashion in 1776.]