

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to John Long SC4981
Audited Account No. 4654

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John Long's Petition

Petition of John Long of North Carolina
1793

December Committee
 General Pinckney
 Colonel Taylor
 Major Hampton

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South Carolina

To the Honorable President & Members of the House of Senate

The Petition of John Long of North Carolina Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner served this State as a Lieutenant of Dragoons in the Brigade of General Sumter [Thomas Sumter] in the late War. That he received a Negro fellow named Sam in full Payment for his services under the regulations of said State Troops² & the Laws of this State.

That a suit has been commenced against him in the Superior Court of Law Salisbury District North Carolina by one McDonald a Citizen of Virginia and a judgment for heavy Damages & Costs was given Against your Petitioner, it appearing to said Court that said McDonald had never been a Citizen of this State and that said Negro had not been legally disposed of by this State.

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 Men who enlisted for ten months in April 1781 in the SC State Troops of Light Dragoons under Sumter were promised wages payable in slaves taken from the Tories. Such 'pay' was known as "Sumter's Wages." When that horrific form of payment could not be made because too few slaves were confiscated from the Tories, the SC Legislature authorized the payment in pounds Sterling deemed to equal the value of the slaves not delivered (to wit, £94 Sterling for one 'grown Negro').

That your Petitioner's whole Property on which he and his family depend for subsistence are now under Execution in Consequence of said Judgment.

That when he received said Negro in lieu of money from this State he conceived the Title to the same would be as well warranted as though he had Purchased from an Individual. That he knows of no relief in this Case but from the justice of this State.

He therefore prays your Honorable House to consider his Case and inspect the Records and Vouchers accompanying this Petition and grant him such speedy and effectual Relief, as that he may not owe his own and his family's Distress & ruin to his faithful services to this State.

And your him p 12 him him him him Petitioner as in duty bound will pray
Columbia
10 December 1793

S/ John Long



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John long for the Value of a Negro paid him for his Services in the State Troops since claimed and taken from him by the Executors of William McDaniel in North Carolina – with Costs 12
Suit &c &c £209.16.2

also William Hutchinson attended as witness not added £18.14.4 North Carolina currency in
Sterling 10.18.4
in Sterling £220.14.6

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South Carolina Claremont County} Personally appeared John long maketh oath on the Holy Evangelists, that he received the Negro alluded to in the above account from the State of South Carolina for his Services in the State Brigade of said State commanded by General Sumter. Sworn to before me this 21st day of October 1793

S/ John Horan, JP

S/ John Long

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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County }

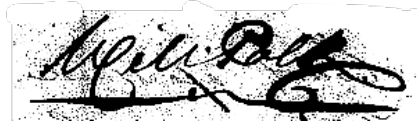
Personally appeared before me George Graham one of the Justices for the county aforesaid the subscriber William Polk and being sworn deposeth and saith that during his service in the South Carolina State Brigade, John Long a Lieutenant in his Regiment being deranged, made application to William Henderson then commanding the said Brigade for his pay for the services he had done; that General Henderson referred him to the subscriber who certified that he was entitled to the pay of one Negro upon which Certificate General Henderson gave him an order to the office of the Provost guard for a Negro fellow then under guard named Sam which Negro has been in the possession of the said Long since that time – that lately a certain William McDonald of the State of Virginia has brought suit & recovered the same Negro Sam from him the said John Long by a due course of Law, in the Superior Court of Salisbury.

Sworn to before me

October 14th 1793

S/ Geo. Graham

S/ Will. Polk



William Hutchinson also appeared and made oath that he went with the aforesaid John Long to the office of the Provost Guard when he the said John did draw a certain Negro fellow named Sam for his service in Col. Polk's Regiment of Dragoons – that he knows of his own knowledge that the said Negro Sam was in possession of the said John Long until lately recovered of him by a suit at law in the Superior Court of Salisbury by a certain William McDonald of Virginia Sworn to before me this 14th October 1793

S/ Geo. Graham, JP

S/ Will. Hutchinson



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North Carolina Salisbury District } SS

Superior Court of law September Term 1793

Be it remembered that heretofore to wit at March Term of the said Superior Court 1789 the Sheriff returned here into Court a Writ Commonly called a Capias; which writ was directed to the Sheriff of Mecklenburg County Commanding him to take the body of John Long &c &c to answer unto Anne McDaniel and William McDaniel Executors of the last will and testament of William McDaniel deceased of a plea that he render to them a certain Negro man a Slave named Julius, otherwise called Sam of the price &c &c – and the said Capias was duly executed by the Sheriff of Mecklenburg as aforesaid whereupon the said defendant John Long came into Court by his attorney & pleaded [undeciphered words] & Statute of Limitations upon which issues the said cause was continued from Court to Court as the Custom is until the present term of September 1793, when came here into Court a Jury of good & Lawful men viz.: Daniel Little, George Hiatt, Joseph Cloud, Josias Smith, Jesse Kingston, William Kendall, Hugh Terrance, John Lowery, John McCrackle, William [undeciphered surname], [undeciphered name], Isaac Anderson who being impaneled, sworn and charged to inquire of the Declaration & issues aforesaid upon their oaths do say that the defendant John Long does retain the Negro Julius alias Sam mentioned in the declaration of the said plaintiffs of the value of two hundred pounds Current money, and assess the plaintiff's damage to fifty four pounds and the Costs of suit – Upon which [undeciphered text] & the Judgment of the Court, Execution hath been issued against the goods & chattels, lands and tenements of the said John Long for the damage aforesaid and Costs – and a Distringas [?] hath also issued to compel the delivery of the said Negro Julius alias Sam to the plaintiffs herein before mentioned.

In testimony that the foregoing is a true transcript of the record of the Judgment aforesaid head in this Court at the term of September 1793 aforesaid, I Montfort Stokes Clerk of the Superior Court aforesaid have Certified the same under my hand and the seal of the said Court at Office in Salisbury the 27th day of September 1793

S/ M. Stokes