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South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Thomas Low [Lowe] SC5015
Audited Account No. 4694A

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Petition of Thomas Low praying for a pension

Pensions

Report in favor

McComb

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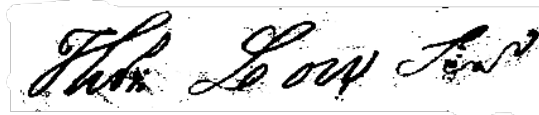
To the honorable, the Senate, and House of Representatives of the State of So. Carolina; in General Assembly now met and sitting. The humble petition of Thomas Low is sent greeting: that the situation of your petitioner, and fellow citizen, may be taken into consideration; and that such relief may be granted unto him, as your honorable body may see cause to grant. Your petitioner is now in his Seventy fourth year of age he early attached himself to the cause of his country, he being then a Citizen of Providence Rhode Island; where he enlisted, and shortly after, was found among the intrepid defenders of Bunkers-hill under the imortal Genl. Warren. Then was one of the troops who were ordered under the command of Col. Benedict Arnold, to join Genl. Montgomery at attempting to take Québec by storm; was taken prisoner and remained in that situation ten months, and was then exchanged at New York. His time of enlistment being then up; Your petitioner then entered as quarter-Master on board the Ship *Providence*² commanded by

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 Providence, 28 guns, 1777-1780. GWA: 701, ND3:90, 902, ND4:1194, ND5:367, 1172, ND6:1399, ND7:1304, ND8:28, ND9:922, ND10:823, Capt Samuel Tomkins, mid 1776. Connor: 167 fn (1878), Buel: 87, Smith:80, 170, 245, 249, ND11:723, DaviesXIII:71, Fowler:107-110, Continental Navy frigate, 28 guns, Capt Abraham Whipple in 1777, operated in English waters in 1778. FW3: 836, Smith: 247, SchV: 54, Blatchford: 101, this frigate was placed at the harbor entrance to protect Charleston in 1780, but was later captured there 12 May 1780. C333-334, it had been the flagship for Capt Abraham Whipple. Manley: 95, it was put in service in the British navy, then sold 14 Mar 1784. Ford 1778: 29, 1779:1342, Ford1780: 584. JA5: 126, 6: 358, 7: 150, 8:28, 9: 224, others. Davies XIII: 71ii. Volo: 90, 91, 132, Silverstone: 3. Paullin: 516, served 1775-1779. Chapelle: 73, 96. Coggins 203, <https://www.awiatsea.com/Hough/Hough%20List%20P.html>

Comodore Abram Whipple;³ Cruised across the Atlantic to France then returned to Boston; and shortly afterwards round to Charleston So. Carolina, where the ship was taken by Blockade,⁴ but the seamen escaped. Orders been given by Gov. Rutledge [John Rutledge], for every man to attach himself to some Corps: your petitioner joined Pulaski's [Casimir Pulaski also spelled Kazimierz Pulaski] Troop as Sergt. Major, was in the battle of Stono [June 20, 1779],⁵ after which he was promoted to an Ensign, went on to the siege of Savannah [September 16-October 9, 1779],⁶ where the valiant Pulaski lost his life. The Troop thus retreated to Hillsborough North Carolina; Joined the Troop under the Baron DeKalb [Baron Johan DeKalb], was at General Gates [Horatio Gates] defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780],⁷ retreated from that place; and joined Genl. Green [Nathanael Greene] and was with him at the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781]⁸ in North Carolina, and was at that place wounded, my horse killed, and myself taken prisoner, carried to Wilmington, put on board a prison Ship and there remained six months. The last part of your petitioner's Service was in or for the State of So. Carolina for eighteen months; and never received but three months pay. These are facts which your petitioner once thought he never would trouble the respected and honorable Legislature of the State about; but being deprived of his consort by the cold Shelf [?] of death, his family scattered in different sections of the U. States; and he left an invalid on the District in which he resides, he hopes your Honorable body will consider his situation and grant such relief as in your wisdom you may think proper, from the testimony hereunto attached and your petitioner shall ever pray.

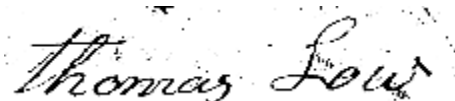
Thos Low Senr.



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South Carolina Abbeville District} Personally appeared Thomas Low before Me and made oath that the above Petition is Just and true and this Deponent further Saith that he lost his discharge when He was taken at the battle of Guilford North Carolina. Sworn to this 13th September 1826

S/ Thomas Low



Lemuel W Tribble, JP

South Carolina Abbeville District} Personally appeared John Dawkins Before me one of the Justices of the peace And after being duly Sworn on his oath Saith that he Saw the above petitioner Thomas Low at Siege of Stono in the horse Company under the command of the valiant Polaskie [sic] Sworn to this 13th September 1826

See also: https://threedecks.org/index.php?display_type=show_ship&id=2421

³ <http://gaspee.org/AbrahamWhipple.html>

⁴ Battle of Charleston [city fell to the British May 12, 1780] <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/> & <https://allthingsliberty.com/2020/10/britains-last-throw-of-the-dice-begins-the-charlestown-campaign-of-1780/>

⁵ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html

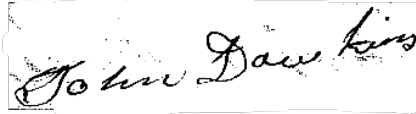
⁶ Siege of Savannah September 16-October 9, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790916-savannah/>

⁷ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_camden.html

⁸ https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html

L. W. Tribble JP

John Dawkins



South Carolina Abbeville District } Before me appeared James Dixon and After being duly Sworn
Saith on oath that he saw a Commission that your above petitioner had In the old revolution
Sworn to this 13th September 1826

L. W. Tribble, JP

James Dixon



South Carolina Abbeville District } Personally appeared before me John Anderson and after being
Duly Sworn on his oath Saith that he saw in the possession of Thomas Low and in his own name
a commission that he held in the old revolution War Sworn to and Subscribed before me
this 31st October 1826

L. W. Tribble, JP

John Anderson



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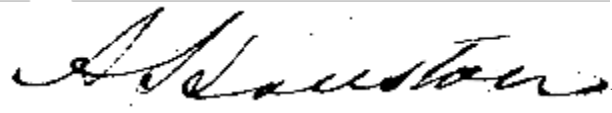
The Committee on pensions to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Lowe [sic] praying for
a pension,

Respectfully Report,

That having taken the same into consideration they recommend to the house that the prayer of
the petitioner be granted, and that the said Thomas Lowe [sic] be placed on the pension list,
December 1826

John McComb, Chairman

[pp 8-9: Two vouchers each for \$60 made payable to Thomas Lowe the first dated May 28, 1829
and the second dated June 1, 1830. Both were signed by A. Houston



[Note: I think it highly probable that the following federal petition application relates to this
same man. If so, he must have decided after his service in SC not to return to his wife in Rhode
Island, indeed, not to even let her know he was still alive.]

Pension application of Thomas Low W13645

Molly Low

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Navy

R. I.

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State of Rhode Island Sc

County of Providence Sc

On this 27th day of September A.D. 1836 personally appeared in open Court being the municipal Court of the City of Providence in said County Molly Low a resident in said City aged 78 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836. That she is the widow of Thomas Low who was a private & Midshipman in the war of the Revolution from the beginning until his death at the fall & Capture of Charlestown [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] in May 1780. That in May 1775 he enlisted as a private in Capt. Simion Thayers [Simeon Thayer's] Company & Col. Hitchcock's regiment for eight months and went to Roxbury near Boston that he served in said Company until September when he enlisted out of it to go to Canada under Col. Benedict Arnold this Corps marched through the woods of Maine to Québec before which City they arrived after extreme suffering. That in the attack which was made December 31st 1775 upon this City by Genl. Montgomery at the time he was killed, her said husband as well as the whole Corps of Col. Arnold were taken prisoners, & after their attempt to escape, were put in irons. The particulars of said attack are contained in an old Newspaper hereto annexed.⁹ That her said husband never got home until the latter end of the year 1776 having been absent about eighteen months. In the above services he was a private. That in the winter of 1778 he entered on board the Frigate *Providence* a vessel of war of the United States then lying in Providence & bound on a voyage to France & under the Command of Abraham Whipple Esquire that in the spring of said year they set sail & fought their way through the British fleet then in possession of the harbor of Newport & went to France & from thence returned to the United States & arrived in Boston in or about November of said year – as to his services between this & siege & capture of Charleston South Carolina in May 1780 she has no particular recollection but he was in said siege & was taken sick & died after that time, as she has understood & believes although she knows not the particular day or month. That she was married in Rehoboth Massachusetts, she was married on the third day of December A.D. 1776 as appears by the Certificate of the Town Clerk hereto annexed but according to her own recollection she was married in February 1775 before her husband went into service, She well remembers of receiving letters from her husband while in Canada, but they were lost she has reason to think that some mistake has taken place in the recording of her marriage, That her husband, the said Thomas, died in Charleston in 1780 as aforementioned & that she has remained a widow ever since that period wherefore she request that the pension which would have belonged to her said husband if living under the act of June 7th, 1832 may be granted to her

Molly Low

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Molly Low". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name "Molly Low".

Municipal Court of the City of
Providence, September 27th 1836
Subscribed & Sworn to by said Molly Low, in open Court
Albert G Greene, Clerk

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⁹ This document is not among those included in this file.

I Rebecca Allen now resident in the City of Providence being now 76 years of age on oath to testify & say that Molly Low of said Providence who has applied for a pension is my sister, her name was Molly Allen before she married Thomas Low him him. And I further testify that it has always been understood that her husband died in Charleston South Carolina about the year 1780 when that City was taken = I will remember a man by the name of Cybil Bowen of Rehoboth who is now dead, told me he saw him sick in the hospital at that time & he was so sick with the fever that the Doctor said he could not live, and I believe he did die at the time, And I further testify that Thomas Low was a man very fond of his family & very affectionate to his wife & it is impossible to believe that if he had lived he would not have written after he got well immediately, if he did not come home but from that time to the present nothing has been heard from him and there has never been any doubt of his death among his relatives and friends – I believe he died him in the Hospital, was put in there among the rest of the prisoners Charleston was taken, & there died this has always been my believe & that my sister does is now no one living that I know you can tell anything more about it than I have in this affidavit

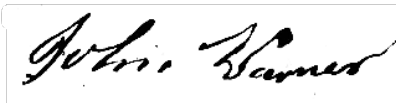
Rebecca Allen, X her mark

Test Benjamin Cawell Providence November 19, 1836

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I John Warner¹⁰ Warwick in the County of Tenant being now 77 years of age on oath do testify & say that I was Quarter Gunner on board the Frigate *Providence* from the time she sailed from Providence in Spring of 1778 until she was captured at the surrender of Charleston, South Carolina in May 1780, And I further testify that I will remember Thomas Low a Midshipman on board – According to my best recollection he entered when we first sailed for France & was with us & served in that capacity during the voyage to France & back to the United States arrived in Boston in November. And I think he was with us until the Capture of the Frigate, but of this I am not certain – I in Charleston at the time said City surrendered, & was taken prisoner this will remember – I knew him well but whether he was then a Midshipman I cannot say what I will remember he served in that capacity during the 1st cruise of about 11 months.

John Warner

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Warner", enclosed in a simple rectangular border.

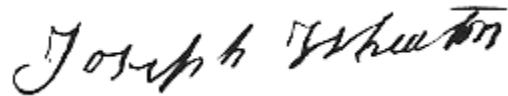
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I Joseph Wheaton of Rehobeth in the County of Bristol & Commonwealth of Massachusetts being now 83 years of age on oath do testify & say that in the beginning of the Revolutionary war in the year 1775 I was intimately acquainted with Thomas Low the husband of Mary Low now resident in the City of Providence & now the widow of said Thomas – In said year 1775 I was in Captain John Perry's Company stationed at Roxbury near Boston and I very well remember that said Thomas Low him was in Captain Simeon Thayer's Company of Rhode Island Troops I saw him frequently while the company was stationed at Jamaica Plains & at Cambridge – After the eight month service expired I remember said Captain Thayer enlisted a company to march to Canada through the woods in State of Maine to Québec. I remember perfectly well that Thomas Low enlisted to go with him & did go with him & was taken prisoner & it was about a year from that time before he got home he was taken prisoner while he was

¹⁰ S39875

scaling the walls of Québec & at the time General Montgomery was Killed. This he told me after his return home. – He was a private I think in Captain Thayer’s Company – said Thomas was an intimate acquaintance of mine & I will remember the above facts. I also testify that said Thomas low was married in the early part of the year 1775 to the woman who is now his widow he was married before any of the above services. I knew him & his wife both & was acquainted with them & knew about the time they were married although I was not at the wedding.

Joseph Wheaton¹¹



Providence

In Providence September 7th, 1836

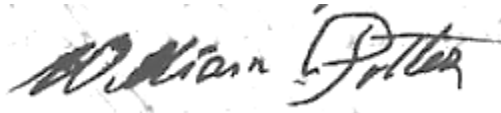
[p 13: Amey Allen gave testimony in Providence in support of the application of her sister Molly Low. She does not state her age and she signed her affidavit with her mark.]

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I William Potter of Cranston in the County of Providence, being now 85 years of age on oath do testify & say that in the year 1775 I was appointed & Commissioned as a Lieutenant in Captain Simeon Thayer’s Company & Col. Hitchcock Regiment of Rhode Island Troops & served eight months in said Capacity – And I further certify that Thomas Low was a private in said Company & served out his time after the term of service expired we came home but Capt. Thayer enlisted a Company & went to Canada and was taken prisoner – I do not remember whether said Low went with him or not but think it probable as he did not return home with us –

During our eight months we were stationed at Prospect Hill near Boston

William Potter¹²



Providence September 7th 1836

[p 17: Certificate by the Town Clerk of Rehoboth dated September 1618 36 certifying that records in his office state that Thomas Low was married to Molly Allen on December 3, 1776.]

[Veteran’s widow was pensioned at the rate of \$106.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband service as a private & Midshipman in the Rhode Island Navy as well as for service in South Carolina.]

¹¹ W26003 [does not qualify for inclusion in our database because he does not claim to have served in any portion of the southern campaign.]

¹² W26338 [does not qualify for inclusion in our database because he does not claim to have served in any portion of the southern campaign.]