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South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Edward Malphus SC5077
Audited Account No. 4747A

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[p 2: Transcribed as written with bracketed corrections to facilitate searches]

Porsonly Apeared Mrs. Sarah Smith and made oath on the holy Evan [Evangelistic] of almighty god and saith That in march 1779 her Then Husband Edward Malphus Listed a solder [soldier] in the Redgen [Regiment] of Cornell Horee [Col. Daniel Horry] and marched for Charles Ton [Charleston South Carolina] and at the seye [siege] of Charles Ton was Taken presoner [prisoner] and There Dide [died] with small pox and Left This Deponent the Wado [widow] with fore [four] Children and Nither Lands nor Negreos [Negros] To mintain [maintain] Them with Three of which Children wore under nine years of age The oldest of the Three was Nine years old The Last of may after the seage of CharlesTown and The Next oldest was six years old and youngest was Three yars old when Their father died and That the above said Edward Malphus was a good frend [friend] to his Contry [Country] and Trew [true] wig [Whig] and This Deponant farther saith upon her oath That She hath Never Received any part of the Bounty provided By the state for porsons of her Disciphon [description].

Sarah Malphus, X her mark
ales [alias] Smith

Sworn to This 18 day of august
1793 Before John Chisolm JP

We do Certify That we have Been acquainted with the above Named Sarah Smith formerly Sarah Malphus who have been a Resident [several words obliterated and rendered illegible] Thirteen [thirteen] years in the Neighborhood of pyre [?] Creek² and Think she is in tiltead [entitled?] To the Bounty [undeciphered word or words] By law for the mintainance of her Children. Signed by us 3 of the justices for Beaufort District

18 1793

John Chisolm, JP

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.

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Briars Creek? <https://www.anyplaceamerica.com/directory/sc/beaufort-county-45013/streams/> searched 10/19/23 without identifying a likely candidate

Jos Lawton JP
John Lightwood, J.P.Q.U.

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I hereby Certify that Edward Malphus enlisted as a private Soldier in my troop of Horse Commanded by Colonel Daniel Hory [sic] and that he died whilst in Service.

Given under my hand this 29th of November 1793

John Hampton

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Hampton", enclosed in a rectangular box.

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State of South Carolina} SS

To the Honorable the senate, & House of Representatives of the state aforesaid now met & Sitting in Genl. Assembly

The Humble petition of Adam Smith of Beaufort District in the said State. –

Setting forth that your petitioner [word obliterated] himself (through Sarah his wife) the Legal representative of Edward Malphus, Late of the said District & State aforesaid deceased, who during his life served his country in a Regiment of horse under command of Col. Daniel Horry & left at the time of his decease an Indigent Widow with three small Children as the several Vouchers herewith produced will testify. Your petitioner therefore prays that your Honors will grant him the wages of the said Malphus Deceased during his service, also the provision made by [text obliterated] Widows & Orphans of such as died [text obliterated] service of their Country Or such other provision as you in your wisdom see meet³ & your petitioner as in duty bound [the image of the document cuts off at this point]

³ In Samuel Johnson's Dictionary of 1755, the first definition of the word "meet" he gives is "Fit; proper...." Johnson noted that even at that time the word "meet" was rarely so used. It must have become fairly popular in South Carolina in the early 1800's, however, as it appears in many petitions submitted to the SC Legislature.