

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to Elijah Gillett SC51  
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 2846-A

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To the Honorable Jacob Read Esquire speaker of the Honorable House of Assembly now met & sitting

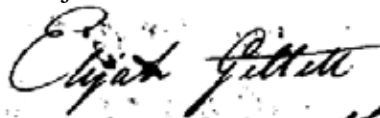
Your Petitioner most humbly Sheweth,

That after the British took possession of this State [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] your petitioner's father [Dr. Aaron Gillett]<sup>2</sup> & himself went into North Carolina with a party of Militia & there met General Gates [Horatio Gates] & Joined the Continental Troops. His father & himself had appointments in the Hospital his father was appointed Senior Surgeon & himself a Mate. Their appointments were given by the Director of said Hospitals, & approved of by General Gates. They remained doing their duty till after the Battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] when a number of Hospital Surgeons coming out of Charles Ton [Charleston] & new arrangements taking place from Congress your petitioner's, father & himself was deranged & on inquiry of the Agent from Congress who Settled Accounts in Charleston, they were informed that by some resolve of Congress they must apply to the State for their Emoluments or Commutation.

Your petitioner had prepared a petition to this Honorable House last sitting but was advised as there was such a multiplicity of Business to postpone the petition till this meeting. He further Begs the attention of this house to sundry Accounts belonging to his deceased father which owing to deaths could not be so Clearly proved as the Auditor of Accounts required which your petitioner has since gotten evidence to Corroborate the Facts, which he hopes will make good his Claim, he prays a Committee may be appointed to Examine the Accounts –

Your petitioner from a retrospective back to the Services done by his father & himself Together with the Emense [Immense] losses they have sustained during the Contest, he hopes will actuate this Honorable House to grant that his father & himself may have their Commutations allowed them for their Services, and an order for that purpose and your petitioner will in duty bound ever pray.

S/ Elijah Gillett in behalf of his father & himself



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<sup>1</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts are available on microfilm at the South Carolina Department of Archives & History in Columbia, SC. They will eventually be available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. The "SC" file number has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

<sup>2</sup> See Indent Microfilm File No. 2846 which contains the same petition as transcribed above but is contained in the file Aaron Gillett.

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Gentlemen

June 28, 1792

Owing to the great distance I live from the City of Charleston, I never knew that any arrangement had taken place for these demands against this State when proper Vouchers had not been produced which Situation my Father's estate is in. We have considerable [evidence?] which I have Sufficient Vouchers to authenticate. I flatter myself it will be in the power of the present Commissioners knowing of my Claim not to allow my papers being excluded by the time they are Notarized. The Bearer of this Captain Bostick can inform you that I never knew a sentence of the affair till last Evening when I was sixty miles from the Vouchers. I shall take the most early opportunity of sending them down, the Papers.

I remain Gentlemen

Yr Obt Hble Servt

S/ E. Gillett

General Moultrie

Colonel Vanderhorst &

Colonel J L Gervais

[Note: An intent dated February 9, 1784 for the sum of 136 Pounds 15 Shillings and 6 Pence was issued to the petitioner.]