

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to Robert Cochran SC52 AA40

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To the Honorable Jacob Read Esquire the Speaker and the Members of the House of Representatives

The Memorial of Captain Robert Cochran sheweth

That being one of the first persons in the State who risked their lives to procure men for its defense against the hostilities which were carrying on against her and having upon all occasions manifested his Zeal for the public Service he received a Commission on 31<sup>st</sup> December 1775 to recruit men for the public Service of this State.

That on 8<sup>th</sup> of January 1776 he left Charleston on 16<sup>th</sup> arrived at Philadelphia and proceeded from thence by land to the Eastern States, as directed by the Council of Safety – That laboring under many disadvantages for want of Suitable opportunities to ship the men from were [sic where] they could be had and with such Persons as he could trust them Your Memorialist was obliged march from Portsmouth New Hampshire to Providence Rhode Island – where Your Memorialist purchased a small fast sailing Sloop for the first party and chartered a Vessel for the Second – they both arrived Safe –

Your Memorialist being obliged then to return home left an officer there with a copy of his instructions to recruit for the Service and gave Messrs Clark & Nightingale orders to charter a Vessel as soon as the Officer had raised sixty five men to forward them to South Carolina. The men being recruited Messrs Clark & Nightingale Supplied the Officer with what was necessary for the voyage and sent them out. On the passage they fell in with several British Vessels which they made prizes of and returned with them to Boston as the safest Port – on their arrival Messrs Clark & Nightingale put in a claim for the State; but the Officer wishing to make the most of Your Memorialist's absence, a dispute arose about the property which could not be settled until your Memorialist's return from France whither he had gone on a voyage for the State – as soon as your Memorialist arrived in Charleston his affidavit with a copy of the instructions he had given the Officer were forwarded to Messrs Clark & Nightingale and part of the money was recovered –

Your Memorialist therefore hopes Your Honors will think he is entitled to a Captain's share of the prizes and flatters himself you will take into consideration the agreement Between

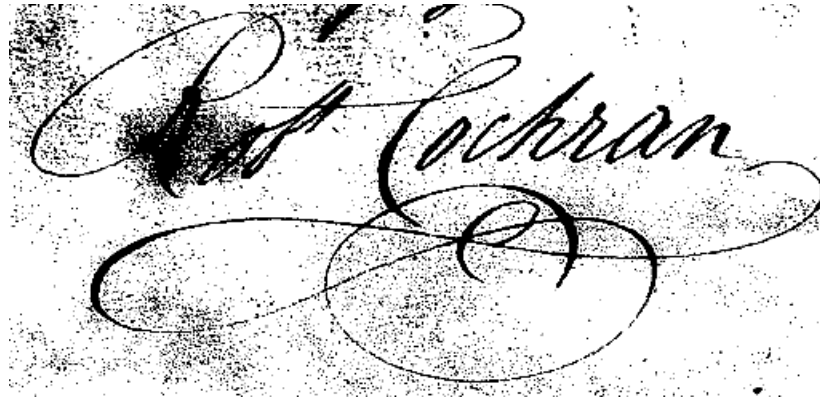
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the Council of Safety and Your Memorialist, which Specifies that he should receive full and adequate compensation for the time he should be employed in the Service of the State – both of which he has as yet received no compensation for.

Your Memorialist makes no doubt but that many of the Honorable Members present they recollect how useful those men were to the State and at what small and expense they were procured. Your Memorialist however relying on the justness of his claim Humbly Submits the matter to your Honors and as in duty bound will ever pray

S/ Robt Cochran

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robt Cochran". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background and is surrounded by a grainy, speckled texture.

[p 19: identical petition addressed to the SC Senate]

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The Committee to which was referred the Memorial of Captain Robert Cochran REPORT That in their opinion Captain Robert Cochran deserves well of this State and ought at least to be put on a footing with the marine Captains of the same lately under the Command of Commodore Gillon. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolves –

Resolved that Captain Robert Cochran be allowed such pay for his time he was in the Service of the State as has been allowed to the marine Captains of said State under the command of Commodore Gillon and that on his account being Audited and Indent the allowed him for the amount.

Resolved that

Captain Robert Cochran be paid out of such monies as the State may receive from Clark & Nightingale on account of Prize money recovered by them [paper compromised and text rendered illegible] Captain's Share of prize money to the calculated agreeably to the rules of the Navy of this State.