

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to James May SC5208
Audited Account No. 4850B

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Petition of James May

1791

December 8 Committee

Mr. Wadsworth

Mr. Simpkins

Col. Brandon [Thomas Brandon]

Petition of James May to the Senate

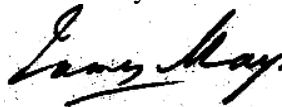
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To the Honorable David Ramsay, President and the Members of the Senate of South Carolina

The humble Petition of James May Sheweth

That your petitioner served in the Militia as a Captain during the late War – That in the zealous execution of his duty he caught a disease which has deprived him of the total loss of his sight – that your petitioner hath a wife and Eight Children that the only means left to him for their support are by the labor of four grown negroes on some barren land – that the taxes on the same amount to two pounds, two Shillings per annum which if your petitioner is compelled to pay his large family must go without support and he exposed to all the miseries of wretched poverty – he therefore entreats your honorable house that in Consideration of his former services in defending the liberties of his country in which cause he met with the misfortune which now disables him from further labor (and which great as it was, he does not regret) You will be pleased to take his pitiable case into your consideration and direct that he may be exempted from the payment of taxes. And he will pray.

James May



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The committee to whom was referred the Petition of James May
Report

That they have taken the prayer of the same into
consideration and cannot recommend that the request therein contained be granted.