

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to John Todd SC53
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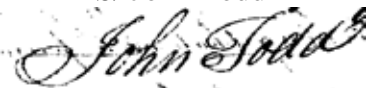
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To the Honorable the President and members of the Senate. The petition of John Todd both humbly Sheweth that your petitioner from the first to the last of the late war performed militia duty as often as called upon and on several occasions as a volunteer and in particular while doing duty in defense of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] was taken a prisoner and sent out of this country to Saint Augustine where he was confined nearly Eleven months as a prisoner of war. These various services your petitioner never preferred any account and never received any compensation. When your petitioner was discharged instead of being returned to his proper home in South Carolina he was in the year 1781 sent to Philadelphia where to furnish himself with the means of returning to his own State he was obliged to borrow the Sum of \$160 of a loan negotiated in behalf of State and to give his private obligation to repay the same. Your petitioner conceiving that as a prisoner he had a right by the laws of war to be returned home at the public expense and also being sensible that the State owed him much more for his services as a militia man than the trifling some borrowed as aforesaid made no provision for repaying the same. Your petitioner has nevertheless been sued for it and his goods are now liable to be sold by the Sheriff to satisfy the same. To add to the hardships of your petitioner he is now and has been for some time past legally precluded from bringing in his account against the State. Your petitioner humbly prays your Honorable house to take his case into consideration & to release him from the obligation of paying the \$160 borrowed as aforesaid. Your petitioner needs not make a declaration of relinquishing his demand for militia Services on the state as it must be known to your Honorable house that he cannot now legally make any demand whatever against it for the services performed during the late war. Your petitioner wishes for no other reward for these Services but the satisfaction of having performed them and to be discharged from paying the aforesaid Sum of \$160 lent to him by the State for the purpose of enabling him to return to it after being taken a prisoner and its service.

Your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

S/ John Todd



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State of South Carolina
to John Todd Dr.

To Services John from 10th January 1782 the 14th December 1782

@ 1/6 pr day

£53.9.6

Errors Excepted

Personally appeared Mr. John Todd who being duly sworn maketh oath that the above account is justly due him from the State of South Carolina & that the above account was never made or presented by him before.

Sworn to before me

6 January 1780

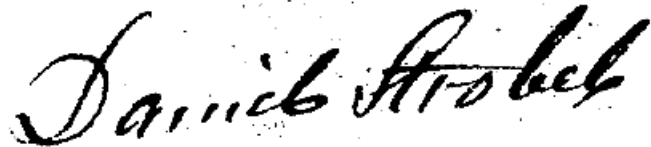
S/ Benj. Villepontoux, JP

S/ John Todd

I do hereby Certify that Mr. John Todd have Served as a private in the Fusiliers Company under my Command from the Commencement of the Siege to the fall of Charleston.

December 29th 1790

S/ Daniel Strobel, Capt.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Strobel". The script is cursive and somewhat stylized, with a large initial 'D'.

[German Fusiliers]

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State South Carolina

To the Honorable the President & Members of the Senate

The Petition of John Todd of James Island Respectfully Sheweth

That your Petitioner on the Surrender of Charleston to the British Army was made a Prisoner of War and soon after was sent from thence together with sixty-three others to Saint Augustine, that after a detention of eleven months your Petitioner was duly exchanged and sent from thence to Philadelphia, that soon after his arrival at Philadelphia your Petitioner's whole family consisting of his Wife and five female Children were all sent out the same place, that your Petitioner offered himself to service in order to maintain & support so large a family in a strange Country but found himself unequal to the task and hearing that a subscription was set on foot by the people of Philadelphia in aid of the Exiles from Charleston, your Petitioner applied to their agent Mr. Philip Prealeau who kindly supplied him with \$100, but finding it necessary to return Home ward, your Petitioner applied a second time to the agent who gave him \$60 more and with this Sum he was in able to find his way to Charleston. That your Petitioner heard nothing more of this Money for the space of fourteen or fifteen years, but was then applied to by the Attorney General as for a debt due to the State and not only for the principal but also for the Interest equal to the Debt – Your Petitioner begs leave to state to your Honorable House that his losses during the war were very Great and which he has never since been able to recover, and that he has never made a demand on the State nor has he received a cent for any of his services which were constant and active; He therefore prays that you will take his case into consideration & give him relief from this demand

S/ John Todd