

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to James Brown SC538 AA57

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Petition of James Brown

Committee on Accounts

Mr. Tucker

Colonel Bratton

Mr. Stephens

Mr. Wadsworth

Mr. Chesnut

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The Petition of James Brown

Humbly Sheweth

That your petitioner Returned an Account into your Auditor's Office for Militia Duty and for want of proper Vouchers only part of his Account passed into an Indent, but since your petitioner have procured Sufficient Vouchers for the same, and prays your Honorable house will cause your Commissioners to give him an Indent for the balance of his Account, and your Petitioner in Duty bound will pray

S/ James Brown

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1795

19th Nov. Petition of James Brown a Soldier in Colonel Harden's Regiment

Committee on the Indent System

No part of his Claim being within time – must be referred to the Committee of Accounts

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To the Honorable the Senate, and house of representatives, thereof in General Assembly met:

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I James Brown your Humble Petition are a Soldier in the late war in Colonel Harden's Regiment of Militia, Orangeburg District, do address myself to your Honorable body, as a poor man, with a house full of Small Children, and now well stricken in years, not less than fifty, who have faithfully done my duty in the late war, for which Service I had an account timely returned to your Auditor's Office, in the amount of twenty-six pounds, which has by some means been mislaid, so that your Humble Petitioner has never received from your Treasury one farthing, for my fatigue and your Humble Petition are being encouraged at this late day to call on your Honorable body for Justice, being persuaded from your Justice towards all distressed and wronged petitioners, heretofore that your Honorable body will think of me your Humble Petitioner, who have a Just right of Claim for Services Justly done and your Honorable body will do for me your humble Petitioner, what to you in your wisdom should seem right, and in granting the prayer of your Humble Petitioner, he will ever find himself bound to Pray
S/ James Brown, X his mark

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State of South Carolina Orangeburg District } Personally came before me Isham Clayton one of the Justices for the District aforesaid James Brown and duly maketh oath that he was justly entitled to an Indent to the amount of Twenty Six Pounds for Services done in Colonel Harden's Regiment under Captain John Garvin this Deponent saith on his said Oath that he may due Application within the time prescribed by law and further saith he never hath received any part thereof. Sworn to before me this 7th day of November 1795

S/ Isham Clayton, JP

S/ James Brown, X his mark

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1796

1 Dec.

James Brown
Petitions
Major Creech

Mr. John Butler
Col Sumers

Mr. Jaleoner
Mr. Lowndes

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1797

2nd December Petition of James Brown referred to the Commt. On Accot.

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To the Honorable the Senate and house of Representatives now in General Assembly met. We the under Subscribers being well acquainted with above petitioner James Brown and the nature of his petition and prayer which we believe to be truth – that induces us to join him in petition and prayer and hope and flatter ourselves that your Honorable body that in your Wisdom and goodness will say that the poor aged petitioner James Brown who spent his Strength in defense of his Country and Exosted [sic ?] his property in supporting the war and now bound to a large and helpless family shall be paid the Twenty Six Pounds agreeable to the account and we your humble Petitioners shall ever find ourselves bound with him to pray

Alexander McFail

John McFail

Cornes Kirkland	Jas. Sweat
John Steel	L. P. Thurston
Willis Knight	
William Knight	
Killis Hallford	
Stephen Roberts	
Jno. Harrison [John Harrison]	
Isaac Deson	
George Kirkland	
Rueben Kirkland	
W. Buford	

Alexander McNeil	John McNeil
Cornes Kirkland	Jas. Sweat
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George Kirkland	
Rueben Kirkland	
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Commissioners Office the 27th of February 1797

I Certify that I find no Accounts to have been rendered by the Books & papers in this Office of James Brown for Public Duty in Colonel Harden's Regiment – therefore indent could have been issued to him

S/ John Lewis Gervis, Commissioner on public Accounts

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State of South Carolina Orangeburg District } Personally appeared before me Mr. James Brown who after being duly sworn upon the holy Evangelists of Almighty God saith – he Sent Down by Colonel James Thompson an account for Duty Done in the Late war between Great Britain & America for Twenty Six pounds, the said account was signed by Colonel William Harden & Captain John Garvin as the Duty was done in the said Colonel Harden's Regiment. Sworn to before me this 15th day of November 1799

S/ Littleton Brown, JQ

S/ James Brown, X his mark

N. B. The said Deponent also saith he applied several times to the Different Officers in Charleston & never could get any thing for the said account, which said account was sent down by Colonel Thompson in due time by law. Sworn to before me the above time

S/ L. Brown, J Q

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The Committee on Public Accounts to whom was referred the Petition of James Brown respecting a claim for Militia Duty done during the late War, Report, that they have investigated the same, and are of opinion, that the allegations set forth in said Petition, are not substantiated as appears by the Certificate of the Commissioner for settling Public Accounts, [indecipherable word]² it as barred by Law.

James Brown