

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to Benjamin Legare SC39 AA9  
Audited Account No. 4500A and 2305A

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To the Honorable John Lloyd Esquire President and the Honorable the Members of the Senate  
the Humble Petition of Benjamin Legare sheweth

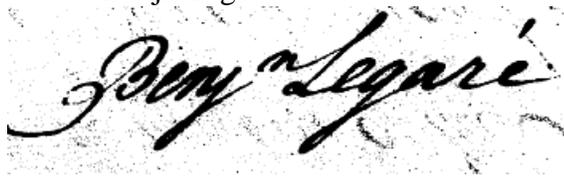
That your Petitioner in pursuance of and Order from the Honorable Privy Council, received a Commission from his Excellency Governor Mathews [John Mathews] on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 1782 to the Command of a Guard Boat on Stono River to stop the communication and prevent Supplies of provisions being carried into Charleston then in the possession of the British Army; and by letters now in his possession received from Governor Mathews together with his Orders, he has through the utmost of his Exertions rendered Essential Service at that time to his Country.

Your petitioner therefore prays your Honorable House to take his Case into Consideration, and as no Compensation has been allowed him for said Services, which was performed at the risk of his life, to grant him pay for said Service agreeable to equity and Justice.

Your Petitioner further begs leave to inform your Honorable House, that he has been prevented from applying in due time agreeable to Law on account of his Commission being mislaid and not found until two weeks last past.

And your petitioner as in Duty bound will ever pray.

Benjn Legaré

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benjn Legaré". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some flourishes. The signature is centered below the printed name.

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Uxbridge [Plantation] Ashley River July 30, 1782

Sir

Your Letter has just reached His Excellency the Governor in answer to which you are hereby strictly and most firmly Ordered by no means whatever to permit any Flags to pass up the Country, but that all Flags must come to the first American port. You'll therefore immediately

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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.

Order the said Flag to return & never suffer any again to come your way as it is only done by way of deceit. I've sent you the Flag back again & trust from your Attachment to your Country you will adhere [indecipherable word]<sup>2</sup> to His Excellency's Orders

I am Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

S/ Phil Prioleau [Philip Gendron Prioleau]



Secretary to His Excellency the Governor

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Uxbridge Ashley River August 1, 1782

Sir

His Excellency the Governor has just placed your Letter in my Hands and directed me to inform you that he would ever deem it a pleasure to oblige General Huger, but as this is so very contrary to the Orders issued by Him he cannot permit the Boat to proceed to Charles Town.

With respect to the Boat and Cargo if the Crew on board your vessel or willing not to deprive the owner of them, they [paper damaged and text obliterated] please, but neither the Boat or Cargo on any account are [paper damaged and text obliterated] Charles Town.

His Excellency doubts not in the least but that your Zeal and Attention to the Welfare of your Country, will make you still happy in obeying said Orders as tend to her Welfare. And you may firmly rely on every Support from him & the Council in your Obeying their Commands.

I am Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

S/ Phil Prioleau, Secy.

Benjamin Legare, Esqr.

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From AA2305A

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Messrs. Farr & Legare are hereby authorized, empowered to impress provisions for the use of themselves & the men under their Command.

S/ Jno Mathews [John Mathews, Governor of SC]

August 18, 1782



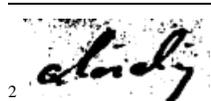
To

All of whom it may Concern

Mr. Wm Rivers [?] – Our Commissary has our order to impress provisions for the use of the Guard boat Alex [?] under our Command

S/ Nath.<sup>1</sup> Farr [Nathaniel Farr]

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S/ Benj.<sup>n</sup> Legare [Benjamin Legare]

Nath<sup>l</sup>. Farr

Benj<sup>n</sup>. Legare

Stono August 19, 1782

its Right able Mr. Spencer is & Dirctected to do it for .

S/ Wm Rivers [? very faint]

Major <sup>as Francis</sup> Legare are hereby  
authorized & empowered to improue  
provisions for the use of themselves &  
the men under their command.

J<sup>n</sup>. Matthews

August 18. 1782

All whom it may concern.

Mr. Wm Rivers. our Commissary has our orders to im-  
proue provisions for the use of the Guard boat  
& all under our command

Nath<sup>l</sup>. Farr

Benj<sup>n</sup>. Legare

Stono Aug. 19. 1782

As Right able Mr Spencer  
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