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South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Robert McElwrath [McLewrath, McIlraith] pp 14
Audited Account No. 5125C

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Report of the Committee [illegible text] Robert McElwrath 10th March 1785 to be considered on Saturday
postponed till Monday
14th March assigned to

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The committee to whom the petition of Robert McElwrath was Referred:

Report

That they have examined the account & Vouchers of the Petitioner, and recommend that he be Allowed at the rate of Four Thousand pounds, undepreciated old Currency a year, from the 11th of September 77 [1777] to the 12th of May 1780 when he was made a Prisoner. Your Committee finding, that at the time he was made State armorer, it was not the Intention of the Executive, that his Salary should be Subject to Depreciation & that during the time above specified, he actually Employed at his own expense, Three White Men, & Three Negroes besides his own labour, in Repairing, & keeping in order the public Arms.

Your Committee also recommend, that he be allowed at the rate of £2000 a year, during the time he was Prisoner – and that from the 17th of May 1781 to 1782 (during which time your Committee find that the Petitioner was again employed as State Armorer, and was of Remarkable Service, to the State Troops, & Militia of this State) he be allowed his old Salary of £4000 Old Currency a Year, and that a Deduction be made in his Accounts for the value of the Money Received by him from the State.

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In the House of Representatives March 11th 1785
The Committee to whom the Petition of Robert McIlraith was referred

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Report

That they have examined the Account and Vouchers of the said Petitioner, and recommend that he be allowed at the rate of Four thousand pounds undepreciated Old Currency a Year from the 11th of September 1777 to the 12th of May 1780² when he was made a prisoner, – Your Committee finding that during the time above Specified he actually employed at his own expense three White men and three Negroes besides his own labour in repairing & keeping in order the Public Arms.

Your Committee also recommend that he be allowed at the rate of £2000 Old Currency a year during the time he was a prisoner and that from the 17th May 1781 to May 1782 (during which time your Committee find the petitioner was again employed as State Armorer, and was of remarkable Service to the State Troops & Militia of this State) he be allowed his Whole Salary of £4000 Old Currency a year And that a deduction be made in his accounts for the Value of the Money received by him from the State and that he be allowed Interest on the Balance –

Resolved that this House agree with the Report

Ordered That the Report and Resolution be sent to the Honorable the Senate for their Concurrence

By order of the House
John S Dart, CHR

In the Senate March 14, 1785

Resolved that this House do concur with the House of Representatives in the said Report & resolution

Ordered, That the Report & Resolution be sent to the house of Representatives

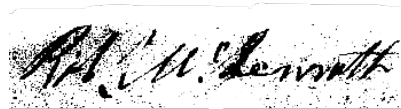
By order of the Senate
Felix Warley, CS

[p 8: Printed form of an indent (the number and book of which has been obliterated and rendered illegible) dated March 21, 1785 “delivered to Mr. Robert McLlraight [sic] this our INDENTED CERTIFICATE for the Sum of Two Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Pounds for Shillings and Six Pence Sterling in part of his Account as per Resolution of the General Assembly the 11th March 1785.”]

[p 9: Reverse of the above Indent bearing the following endorsement:

Received March the 22nd 1785 from the Commissioners of the Treasury The full Amount of the within Indent by discount on my Bond for Purchase of Forfeited Property Dated the 17th June 1783

Rbt McLewrath

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rbt McLewrath", written in a cursive style on a piece of paper with a slightly textured background.

[p 10: Printed form of Indent No. 249 Book N dated March 21, 1785 “delivered to Mr. Robert McLlraight [sic] this our INDENTED CERTIFICATE for the Sum of Three Hundred and Six Pounds Two Shillings and Two Pence Sterling being for the balance of his account as per Resolution of the General Assembly Passed the 11th of March 1785.”]

² Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780

[p 11: Reverse of the above Indent bearing, among others, the following endorsement:

I Assign all my Right to the Within Indent to John Ernest Poyas Junior or his Assigns for Value Received Witness my hand this 24th March 1785

Witness

John Ernest Poyas

Robt McLewrath



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[No.] 642 [Book] Y [illegible] 86

Robert McLewrath his Account for a Sett of Smith Tools Compleate impressed for Public Service in November 1777 Charged

[old South Carolina] Currency	<u>£450.0</u>
per depreciation	<u>£218.8.10 ½</u>
Amt. Stg. [Sterling]	£31.4.1 ½

NB the within appears a high charge

Ex^d J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

Pass EL [Edward Lightwood]

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State of South Carolina to Robert McLewrath

Dr.

1777

Nov. To a Set of Gunsmith's tools, complete £450

I do Certify the above Tools was had for the use of the Public from the said Robt. McLwrath
by John Calvert



Robert MacWreath [sic] doth make oath That the above Some [sic] of £450 [undeciphered words] is Justly [undeciphered word] to him from the State of South Carolina

Sworn this 10th March 1784

[undeciphered signature of attesting officer]