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Bounty Land Warrant of Charles Lochman BLWt1323-300 f1SC
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S. C. Lochman, Charles BL.Wt.1323-300—Surgeon's Mate
Issued Mar. 2, 1791
No papers1

South Carolina Audited Accounts2 relating to Charles Lochmann [sic] AA17
Audited Account No. 4627A

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The Honorable John Julius Pringle Esquire Speaker, and the Rest of the Honorable House of Representatives –
The Petition of Charles Lockman,
Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioner during the war, acted as an Assistant Surgeon in the Continental Artillery of this State and Hospital Department also, the Latter department he did duty for fourteen Months and during his Captivity [the Continental forces in Charleston South Carolina at the time of its capitulation on May 12, 1780, were all rendered prisoners of war] where he was in no wise obligated to serve, but his Zeal for the public Service induced him to contribute as his Abilities would admit to the Welfare of his suffering Brethren –

After this your petitioner labored under many hardships in Virginia & Pennsylvania where your petitioner went in the flattering hopes of being Exchanged, during this period peace was Concluded, and your petitioner Liberated in a Strange Country, where from Necessity your petitioner accumulated debts, since which he has been distressed beyond expression, yet reflecting, that, as his Zeal for the Service led him in this Melancholy dilemma, a Grateful country would by their Charity and benevolence contribute to alleviate his present and past distresses. Your Petitioner therefore under his present distressed condition humbly prays your Honorable house will compassionate [sic] his distresses and add Relief thereto by donation of Charity or Commutation as granted to others, and your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

1 The reason there are no surviving papers relating to this bounty land claim is that the offices of the War Department along with the papers filed there were destroyed by fire in 1800 and all pension and bounty land records predating that fire were destroyed. Further, pension and bounty land papers generated between the fire of 1800 and 1814 were lost when the British burned Washington DC on August 14, 1814.

2 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.
[Note: By Resolve passed February 28, 1788, the South Carolina General assembly granted the veteran 5 years commutation in lieu of half pay in the amount of 700 pounds Sterling.]