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Petition to the North Carolina General Assembly by Philip Alston NC91[1] NCA35[2]
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To the Honorable the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina

The petition of James Alston administrator on the estate of Philip Alston deceased humbly sheweth

That Philip Alston,[3] the father of your petitioner, enlisted in the service of the North Carolina militia during the period of the last war; as such he conducted himself with such approbation that he received the appointment of Lieut. Colonel commandant in which station he your petitioner conceives that his said father conducted himself with propriety. And for all which services the father of your said petitioner never received any thing as a compensation. In addition to which he your said petitioner's father furnished the Army with five likely horses and a waggon for which he received a currency ticket to the amount of a considerable sum that then value of said property, which your petitioner can fully make appear by vouchers authenticating the same. Now so it is the said currency ticket scaled will amount to but a small some very inadequate to the value of the said horses and wagon: whereupon he prays that your Honorable body will take his case under consideration, and grant such further satisfaction as administrator of the said deceased, as you in your wisdom made deem necessary; And he as in duty bound will ever pray.

Jam[s] Alston Adm.

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James Collins[4] Esquire first being sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God deposeth and saith that to his certain knowledge that he the said James Collins saw 2 Mares & one Horse that did formerly belong to Phillip Alston Esquire & that he the said J. Collins has certain Reasons to believe that the said Horses were taken from said Alston By the British at Bryer Creek [Briar

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[1] Number, if any, assigned by website administrator for indexing purposes. It is not an official governmental number.

[2] Number of pages in the NC Archives' file in which the image of the original document can be found.

[3] https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc_patriot_military_colonels.html & https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc_patriot_military_lt_colonels.html

[4] **James Collins S1653**

Creek] defeat [March 3, 1779],[5] in our last war called General Ashs [John Ashe's] defeat which said Horses the said Alston carried into the service of this State & that he further believes at the said defeat the said P. Alston Esq. Did lose 2 Horses & a Wagon mor [sic, mare?] but these 3 he saw in the British Camps at Abinezer [sic, Ebenezer] Just after said defeat and that he the said deponent further saith that he thinks the 3 Horses he saw in the British Camps to be well worth Ninety pounds this Currency, And that he the said deponent further saith that he thinks the other 2 Horses to be worth Fifty pounds and he thinks the Wagon to be worth Forty pounds And that he the said deponent knows of No satisffaction Rec'd by said Alston for said Horses & Wagon.

Deposition taken by me this 3rd January 1795

John Griffin

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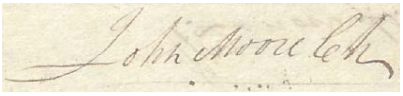
The Committee Propositions & Grievances No. 2 to whom was referred the petition of James Alston Administrator &c

Report,

That your Committee finding the prayer of said petition to be a compensation, for military Services as a Colonel & for 5 horses and a waggon, entered into the public Service for the latter of which a Certificate was granted in Currency, recommend that said petition be rejected, as the [sic, they] do not conceive themselves authorized to make any allowance for military Service or supplies, and more especially to make good the depreciation of Currency Certificates.

Which is submitted

John Moore Ch [chairman]



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In Senate 2nd February 1795

The foregoing report was read and Concurred with

Wm Lenoir S. S.

By order

J. Haywood, C.

[Transcriber's Note: I found references to other petitions or documents relating to this veteran in the Delamar, Marybelle, *Delamar Transcripts: Transcriptions of Petitions to the General Assembly of North Carolina Relating to the Revolutionary War*, Raleigh, North Carolina Genealogical Society, 2017. I could not find them posted in the digitized documents on the website of the North Carolina Archives, https://digital.ncdcr.gov/ as it existed at the time I made this transcript. My understanding is that the NC Archives is continuing to digitalize documents in its collection. If so, searches for those documents made subsequent to the date of this transcription may lead to them.]

[5] Briar Creek March 3, 1779 http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/