1788
11 February – Report on the petition of Doctor George Carter
R228.1788

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The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Dr. George Carter
Report

They have considered the [indecipherable word] the reasons why
the Commissioners of Public Accounts rejected his claim – It appears the said Commissioners
founded their determination on a Resolution of the Legislature of the 13th August 1783 which
incapacitated persons from receiving any benefit for Personal Services, who had acted in the
Service of the Enemy, But as the Petitioner has done away [with a] Great part of the objections
by two affidavits & as it also appears (by a Certificate signed by the Colonels Smith & Moultrie)
he has rendered material Services to the American Army in the line of his Profession, we
recommend to the House to make him compensation for the same.

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To the Honorable the President & the Members of the Honorable house the Senate
The Petition of George Carter humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner on application to the Commissioners of accounts on the 30th of July
last was informed his Claims could not be admitted, as the proper vouchers were not lodged in
their Office previous to the above date. That this Circumstance was not owing to any neglect on
the part of your Petitioner will appear from the several Affidavits hereto annexed, which prove
that his Accounts have been in due time delivered into the former Commissioners, & ought by
them to have been transferred, with the rest of their Papers to the Gentlemen now in that Office.

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1 The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/. To find the AA for
a specific person, click on the Just take me to the search page link, then enter the person’s surname first in the “Full name”
box followed by a comma and the person’s Christian name. The “SC” file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by
the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.
The Services on which these Claims are founded he flatters himself, are not yet erased from the memory of many of the Gentlemen in this Honorable House, and, he will be bold to say [the balance of this page of his petition is illegible in the form posted online]

S/ Geo Carter

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The State of South Carolina

To George Carter

Dr

1780
March 1\(^{st}\) To pay due me as Chief Physician & Surgeon to the Charlestown Regiment of Militia from the 4\(^{th}\) of February 1779 to this Day being 390 days, both days inclusive, at $5 per day £455
To Subsistence from the above time, 6 Rations per day at 10d Sterling each 97.10

August 20\(^{th}\) To pay due me as Director General of the State Hospital from March 2\(^{nd}\) to this day being 171 days, both days inclusive at $6 per day 239.8
To Subsistence for the above time, 9 Rations per day at 10d Sterling each 64.2.9

£856.0.6

To Interest on the above to November 26, 1792 12.3 15 £735.0.6
£1591.1

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I do Certify that Doctor George Carter had an Audited Account by the Auditor General & sent it to the Office of the Commissioners for the Speedy Settlement of the Public Accounts, which said Account was not passed by the Commissioners, but returned to the Auditor General, with other Accounts, when the Commissioners’ Office was done away with.

October 27\(^{th}\), 1792 Signed Daniel Smith
late clerk to the Commissioners

(a true Copy)

Commissioners Office October 2617 92

We Certify that Doctor George Carter made Application to the Commissioners, for settling Public Accounts within the time prescribed by law

Signed S/ William Moultrie Commissioners
S/ A. Vanderhorst appointed Public Accounts
N. B.
This private pique of one of the former Commissioners the said Vouchers were not
passed as they are all to have been, but bandied about in the manner as before [indecipherable
word] – [another indecipherable word] the services been rendered does appear by the Account
Audited – why should not compensation have been made.

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To the Honorable the President & Members of the Honorable Senate
The Petition of George Carter humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner having made application at the last sitting of the Legislature for the
Settlement of his Accounts, the Committee to whom it was referred reported as follows. “Doctor
George Carter’s Petition is for Services performed during the war, which is not sworn to & it
appears that the Commissioners for settling public Accounts have rejected it, as no such Account
had been delivered within the time prescribed by Law; But it also appears to your Committee by
the Certificate of the clerk of the Board of Commissioners (Messrs. Darrell Lushington &
Lightwood) that the said Account had been in that Office, but was not passed, but that it was
returned to the Auditor when the Board was dissolved. The Committee were unacquainted with
the reason which induced the former Commissioners to reject or neglect passing the Account.
They therefore recommend that the consideration of it be postponed till the next meeting of the
Legislature.”

In consequence of the above recommendation your Petitioner begs leave to inform the
Honorable House that on his first Application to the Auditor General. In the year 1783, his
Accounts were then rejected on the plea of his having taken British Protection, a measure to
which he had been by the deepest distress constrained in common with many other good citizens,
& which in no other instance had been urged against the liquidation of their Claims, when
supported by such respectable Vouchers as your Petitioner can produce. – He afterwards applied
to the Board of Commissioners, consisting of Messrs. Darrell, Lushington & Lightwood & those
Gentlemen told him the Auditor had been informed that he had taken a British Commission. In
order to obviate this unfounded & malicious charge, your petitioner made oath before Colonel
Lushington, one of the Board, that he had never borne any Commission directly or indirectly
under his Britannick Majesty, since his departure from the British Dominions or arrival in
America in the year 1776. Notwithstanding this, on the dissolution of that Board, the Accounts
were returned to the Auditor General & by him transferred to the present Commissioners, who
have certify that his Accounts were lodged in their Office within the time prescribed by Law, but
had formerly objected to the want of the proper vouchers which your petitioner had conceived it
necessary for him to retain in his own hands Ready to be produced when called upon to
substantiate his claims. – In support of the above your petitioner has taken the liberty to enclose
documents which he hopes will fully authenticate whatever he has advanced & satisfy the
Honorable House of his right to that compensation which he now expects from their justice. –
And your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c
Charleston 5th of November 1793

S/ Geo. Carter
The State of South Carolina

To George Carter

1780

March 1st
To pay due me as Chief Physician & Surgeon
to the Charlestown Regiment of Militia
from the 4th of February 1779 to this Day
being 390 days, both days inclusive, at
$5 per day £455
To Subsistence from the above time, 6 Rations
per day at 10d [£0.10] Sterling each 97.10

August 20th
To pay due me as Director General of
the State Hospital from March 2nd to
this day being 171 days, both days inclusive
at $6 per day 239.8
To Subsistence for the above time, 9 Rations
per day at 10d Sterling each 64.2.9

To Interest on the above to November 20th 1795 is
15 years & 3 months 913.15.10
£1769.16.4

State of South Carolina city of Charleston} Before me Peter Bounetheau, 1 of the Justices of the
Quorum for the State of South Carolina, personally appeared Doctor George Carter, who being
sworn doth set forth & declare that the above Account is just & true, it being for service rendered
the public of this State under his Appointment as Chief physician and Surgeon & Director
General of the Militia Hospital – This deponent further saith & declares, that he never either
directly or indirectly bore any Commission whatever under the British Government since his
arrival in this Country in the year 1776.

S/ George Carter

Sworn before me this 5th of November 1793
S/ Peter Bounetheau, J. Q.

To the Honorable the President & the Honorable Members of the Senate
The Petition of George Carter humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner having made repeated Applications to the Legislature at their
different sitting, and had his Petition referred to a Committee in the course of the last Spring
Meeting, who reported in the following Manner. –

“The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Doctor George Carter

Report

That they have examined the Allegations stated in the Petition & find that the Petitioner’s Claim
had been rejected under a Resolution of the Legislature passed the 9th of August 1783 – of which
the following is an Extract. – “That the Auditor do not allow Accounts for personal Services
before the Fall of Charleston in May 1780, to such persons as joined the Enemy & bore arms


with them.” – Your Committee have made diligent inquiry & have not the smallest reason to believe the Doctor ever acted against this State or the United States. – They therefore recommend that the Commissioners for settling the Public Accounts be directed to audit the same & grant an Indent for the Amount bearing Interest from the 1st April 1783.”

The Attention of the Honorable House having been particularly engaged by other business during the remainder of that & the whole of the next meeting, your Petitioner is constrained once more to solicit your interference in carrying into effect the recommendation of the Committee.

In addition to the above & the documents which accompanied his former Petition, he has taken the liberty of subjoining a Certificate from several Gentlemen who were witnesses of the Fidelity with Which he performed the Services for which he now seeks compensation & humbly hopes this Honorable House in consideration of the [indecipherable word] suspense he has already experienced will no longer delay to make him that Justice to which alone he lays claim. – And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c

Charleston 4th November 1784
S/ Geo. Carter

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This is to certify that George Carter M. D. was Physician & Surgeon to the Charleston Battalion of Artillery, and in actual service, particularly at the Battle of Port Royal – that soon after he was honored with the Appointment of Director General of the Militia Hospitals in Charleston and continued in that Office until the Surrender of this place – in both of which Commissions he conducted himself with ability, humanity, integrity & honor. – In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands at Charleston this 21st day of April, 1794
Signed
Anthony Toomer
Daniel Stevens, Lt. A.
Peter Bounetheau, Capt. A.
David Ramsey
Benjamin LeGare, Capt. Lt.
Samuel Legare, formerly Capt. Lt.
in Captain Toomer’s Company

[Note: All signatures above are copies, not original]

[p 24: another petition addressed to the South Carolina Senate, this one dated October 31, 1795. The wording of this petition is almost word for word identical to his prior petition and is supported by the certificate transcribed above & by various members of the Charleston Battalion of artillery.]

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The State of South Carolina

To George Carter

1780

March 1st To pay due me as Chief Physician & Surgeon Dollars
to the Charlestown Regiment of Militia
from the 4th of February 1779 to this Day
being 390 days, both days inclusive, at
$5 per day        1950
To Subsistence from the above time, 6 Rations
per day at 10d (£0.10) Sterling each        417.85

August 20th    To pay due me as Director General of
the State Hospital from March 2nd to
this day being 171 days, both days inclusive
at $6 per day                         1026
To Subsistence for the above time, 9 Rations
per day at 10d Sterling each          274.82

To Interest on the above to Dec. 19th 1796 is
16 years & 3 months & 29 Days            4194.40

To the State of South Carolina        Dr

To George Carter                   1780
March 1st    To pay due me as Chief Physician & Surgeon
to the Charlestown Regiment of Militia
from the 4th of February 1779 to this Day
being 390 days, both days inclusive, at

$5 per day 1950
To Subsistence from the above time, 12 Months & 25 days at 40 dollars per month 513

August 20th
To pay due me as Director General of the State Hospital from March 2nd to this day being 171 days, both days inclusive at $6 per day 1026
To Subsistence for the above time being 5 Months & 18 days at 50 Dollars per Month 280
3769

1798
Nov. 20th
To Interest on the above to this date being 18 years & 3 months 4814
8583

[Note: This file contains numerous other petitions by the veteran seeking complete compensation for his services. It appears that he did receive compensation for his services as a physician and surgeon in the militia hospital but was not compensated for his services as Director General of the Militia hospitals in Charleston. The petitions in the file show that he continued his efforts until 1810.]