Committee on Accounts
Rejected
Examined Doctor Brown on the prayer of this Petition

To the Honorable the House of Representatives, Vizt. His Honor the Speaker & the rest of ye Members
The Petition of Robert Shields,
Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioner was a Soldier in the Regiment of State Troops under Colonel [sic Lt. Col.] William Polk in the Service of the State of South Carolina & in the Year 1781, was wounded in Action in defense of the Same; that he is thereby rendered unable to maintain himself, & thinks he comes within the Meaning & Purview of the Resolves of the General Assembly passed the 15 of March 1786 provided for the Relief of Persons disabled in Defense of the State; that he applied to William Hort Esquire; Treasurer who informed that your Petitioner, he could do nothing & referred him to apply by petition to the General Assembly; which he now does, beseeching your Honorable House to Take the Premises into your Serious Consideration and to grant him such Relief, as you in your Wisdom shall seem meet, and your Petitioner as in Duty bound will ever pray and so forth.

Sept. 1792

S/ Robert Shields

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1 The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at [http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/](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.

2 In Samuel Johnson’s Dictionary of 1755, the first definition of the word “meet” he gives is “Fit; proper…..”. Johnson noted that even at that time the word “meet” was rarely so used. It must have become fairly popular in South Carolina in the early 1800’s, however, as it appears in many petitions submitted to the SC Legislature.
State of South Carolina} I do hereby Certify that Mr. Robert Shields was a Soldier in Colonel Polk’s Regiment of State Troops in the Service of this State & in the Year 1781 was wounded in Action in Defense of the same –
Given under my hand this 29th September 1792
S/ Wm Buford, then

Major State Troops

State of South Carolina Beaufort District} Before me John Chisolm a Justice of the peace for the said District, Personally appeared Robert Shields who Duly made oath that he was a Resident in this state before the first of January 1775 & was wounded in Defense of the said State under the Command of Colonel Polk & in his Regiment of State Troops of South Carolina & this Deponent further Saith by the said wound he Comes within the Meaning & Intent of an Act of the General Assembly passed the 15th of March 1786 for the Relief of persons Disabled in Defense of said State
Sworn to before me
this 5th day of November 1792 S/ Robert Shields
S/ John Chisolm, JP
S/ Joseph Lanton, JP
S/ William Murray, JP
S/ John Lightwood, JP QU