The Honorable, the Speaker
& House of Representatives now Sitting.
The Petition of Samuel McCulloh humbly Sheweth;
That your Petitioner served four years & an half in the last War against the French & Indians in quality of a Private Soldier: Soon after the commencement of the present War, he entered into the Service of this State, in which he continued till the reduction of Charles Town [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780]; & being taken under close confinement thought it incumbent upon him to attempt an escape, which he affected, through the British Camp, Guards, & Morass: after having suffered extremely, he at length got home, sinking under the pressure of fatigue & hunger; & in a short time joined himself to a Body of Militia under the command of Brigadier General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter]: in an unlucky Skirmish, your humble Petitioner received so many Wounds as disabled him from moving or speaking for some time; was left for dead among the Slain; at length awakening from the Swoon into which the most exquisite pain had thrown him for thirty-six Hours, Was relieved& carried away by some who came to plunder the field of Battle. – Your humble Petitioner has a Wife & helpless family of Children, & is incompetent to the charge of maintaining himself or them by daily Labor, through the disability occasioned by his Wounds: prays therefore for such relief as your Honorable House may think proper to grant & is only sorry to add, that he is under the necessity of praying (instead of acting) for the prosperous issue of your councils.
Fishing Creek
December 16th 1782
S/ Saml. McCulloh
Late a Soldier in the
First So. Carolina Regt.
The record of McCulloch’s service copied below indicates that he served in the company of Captain Alexander Campbell and that McCulloch was confined to the hospital for 208 days. Said record also shows that the veteran served for 29 days from July 20, 1780 to August 12, 1780 [sic, only 24 days inclusive. Capt. Campbell’s company is not listed as being at the Battle of Fishing Creek but is listed as having been at Hanging Rock on August 6, 1870. Consequently, I think it highly likely that the veteran was wounded at Hanging Rock, not at Fishing Creek.].

Gentlemen
Please to Deliver the [indecipherable word] Mr. William Dawson or order all my Indents due me in your office from the State of South Carolina for Continental duty as I have received full satisfaction for the same.
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S/ David Clark, X his mark from your Humble Servant
S/ Samuel McCulloch
April 24th [?] 1792

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