To the Honorable the Speaker & Members of the Honorable House of Representatives

The Petition of William McCrea, Mariner

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner hath been in the Service of this and the United States during the late War, and has always acted as a Vigilant and upright Officer ought to do; and from his attachment to the Cause of America as met with many Misfortunes, in consequence of his being made a Prisoner 14 times, which has reduced him to low Circumstances; he therefore Petitions this Honorable House, that when an election shall take place for a Tide Waiter for the Harbor of Charleston to give their Suffrages in his favor, which will be duly acknowledged; the uprightness of his Conduct can be fully evinced by many of the Honorable Members of this House, having been a resident of this State upwards of twelve years past.

And Your Petitioner as in Duty bound will ever pray

S/ Wm McCrea [William McCrea]

Charleston 31st January 1787

At Charleston 26 June 1786 this Certifies that William McCrae [sic] did Duty in my Company as a Private Grenadier for a Considerable time during the War and always behaved himself as a Good Citizen and Friend to the United States of America.

S/ Peter Bocquet
S/ William Graham, Lieut.
I do hereby certify that the Bearer William McCrea served under my Command in the service of the State of South Carolina for Twelve months during which time he behaved himself honestly & diligently
Charleston 24th June 1786

S/ John Creighton, Qr. Mastr. Genl. [Quartermaster General]
I believe W. McCrea to be a diligent honest Man
S/ J. Rutledge [John Rutledge, Governor of South Carolina]