To the Honorable the President and Members of the Senate, the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina the petition of Daniel Bates Humbly Sheweth

That your petitioner in the revolutionary war lived in the State of Virginia and under the command of Colonel John Boyd of Halifax County performed as well as he recollects three weeks service against the British troops near Norfolk, he was then called on & served under the Command of Colonel Charles Phlemin[?] as Supernumerary Continental Officer a tour of three months against the British at or near Norfolk, he was then called on and performed two months service under Captain George Tucker against Lord Cornwallis whilst he was invading the State of Virginia sometime before he was captured [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] for all of which Services he has never received any compensation except a small sum of old Continental money by which he has never been benefited; he is now nearly Seventy years old & very infirm of that age, as a wife Sixty-Seven years of age who is constantly afflicted with a complication of disorders which renders [her] almost helpless – If your Honor Honorable body will take the situation of your petitioner into consideration and grant him some relief in his present distressed he will as in duty bound ever pray

(signed) D. Bates

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The State of South Carolina Pendleton District

Before me personally came and appeared Daniel Bates of Pendleton District, who being duly sworn on his oath deposeth and saith that the contents of the annexed petition with the facts therein stated and set forth are true

Sworn to the 7th of November 1825  (signed) D. Bates

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We the undersigned Citizens of Pendleton District do hereby Certify that we have been long and intimately acquainted with Daniel Bates – and take a Pleasure in Saying that he is an old and infirm man of unblemished reputation he is Sober honest and as far as his abilities will admit, Possessed of industrious habits – he is very poor and entirely unable to perform manual labor – but has for some time past been endeavoring to perform the duties of Constable by which means he has Procured a Scanty Support for himself, and wife, who is also very old and helpless – they have no children he has always born the reputation of a firm Whig & and un-deviating friend to his Country.

S/ Wm Anderson
S/ James C Griffin
S/ Major Lewis
S/ Samuel H Dixon
S/ Joseph Taylor
S/ Samuel Cherry

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We the Subscribers do hereby certify that Daniel Bates the petitioner has been a Citizen of this State for many years, that he has always been called a man of Coucity [?] and an honest upright man entitled to full credit and that his circumstances as to himself & wife are at present as he witnesses [?] & That he is remarkably poor entirely unable (as we believe) to support himself and wife by any bodily labor in which he could engage.

Given under our hands this 6th of October 1824.

S/ Samuel Earle
S/ J C Kilpatrick
S/ William May
The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the Petition of Daniel Bates praying for a Pension Report, that your Committee have had the same under consideration and are of opinion that for want of Vouchers to support the prayer, that the prayer thereof the not granted, Respectfully submitted by your Committee, December 1824
S/ Wm Rouse, chairman

The committee on Pensions to whom was referred the Petition of Daniel Bates praying to be put on the Pension List
Respectfully Report
That the Case of the Petitioner has been under Consideration, and it not appearing to your Committee that Daniel Bates ever rendered any Services to this State as a military man, and do not consider him a Person Embraced in the Act of Pensions and Recommend to this house of prayer of the Petitioner the not granted.
December 1825 S/ Wm Rouse, Chairman