South Carolina Audited Accounts relating to Philemon Waters SC409
Transcribed by Will Graves

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AA 360 for William Bates
[p 2]
[Illegible] [Book] X
William Bates for 52 days wagon hire from 20th April to 10 June 1779 inclusive for Waters’ Company in General Williamson’s [Andrew Williamson’s] Brigade on the Stono expedition under General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] at £4 per day
Sterling £208
£29.14.3 ¼
Ex’d. J. M'. A. G.” [Executed by John McCall, Adjutant General]

[p 3]
South Carolina Ninety Six District} Personally appeared before me [indecipherable] Waters Esquire made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God That on the Stono Expedition in 1779 he purchased a wagon and team of William Bates [indecipherable word or abbreviation] in said Waters’ Company of Colonel Jonas Beard’s Regiment and also the amounts of Day Due for the time the wagon had been in the service for which the wagon Master’s Receipt was Delivered to the said Waters & by him Returned to the Auditor’s Office and that the pay for that service is Justly Due to him the said Waters.
Sworn to before me
this 1st Day of March
1786
S/ Jill. Walker, J. P. S/ P Waters[Philemon Waters]

1 The South Carolina Audited Accounts are available on microfilm at the South Carolina Department of Archives & History in Columbia, SC. They will eventually be available online at http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/. The “SC” file number has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.
2 The battle of Stono Ferry was fought on June 20, 1779.
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Also personally appeared before me Colonel John Lindsey and being sworn as above saith that He was present and knows the above mentioned Circumstances to be the truth and further saith not.

S/ John Lindsey

Sworn to before me
this 1st Day of March 1786
S/ Jill Walker, J. P.


From AA8244

[7]
Principal Indent Dated 1 Oct. 1784
Book M No. 475 To Philemon Waters Esqr.

Principal Sum £173.1.4
Nothing paid thereon
Annual Interest £12.2.3

[p 8: Form of Indent No. 475, Book M dated 1st October 1785 issued to “Philemon Waters Esqr. Late Captain in Thomas’s Regt. Sumpter’s Brigade State Troops …for the Sum of One hundred and Eighty Eight pounds Sterling amount pay & bounty due him for Services in that Regiment with Interest thereon from the first of April 1782 to date hereof….” The principal sum is marked through and the sum of £173.1.4 substituted for it. The Indent is signed by Thomas Sumter.

[p 18: Form of Indent No. 2004 Book X dated March 23rd, 1786 delivered to Philemon Waters Esquire “for the Sum of twenty-four pounds eighteen shillings and ten pence Sterling for arrears of Cloathing due to Philemon Waters Son of Thomas Waters, Jacob Presnoll, Dennis Bates & Joshua Jacobs [?] of Colonel Thomas’s Regiment Sumter’s Brigade of State Troops per Certificates from the Commissioners for adjusting Sumter’s Brigade accounts and Resolution of the general Assembly 1786.”]

[p 19: reverse of the above Indent bears endorsement by Philemon Waters and Samuel Farrow.]
Form of Indent No. 2005, Book X dated March 23, 1786 delivered to Philemon Waters Esquire “for the Sum of thirty pounds nine shillings Sterling for arrears of Clothing due to John Waldrop, Westwood Waters, William Willson and James Corck [James Calk] of Colonel Thomas’s [John Thomas Junior’s] Regiment Sumter’s Brigade State Troops per Certificates from the Commissioners for adjusting the said Brigade accounts and the Resolve of the General Assembly 1786.” p 21 has the same endorsements as on page 19 above.

Form of Indent No. 2006, Book X dated March 23, 1786 delivered to Philemon Waters Esquire “for the Sum of twenty-two pounds two shillings six pence Sterling for arrears of Clothing due to Shadrach Knowland [Shadrach Nolen], Benjamin Roberts, James Turner and Thomas Turner all of Colonel Thomas’s Regiment Sumter’s Brigade State Troops per Certificates from the Commissioners for adjusting the said Brigade’s accounts and resolution of the General Assembly 1786.” p 23 has the same endorsements as on page 19 above.

Form of Indent No. 2007, Book X dated March 23, 1786 delivered to Philemon Waters Esquire “for the Sum of thirty pounds five Shillings and two pence Sterling for Articles of Clothing due to David Johnson, William Downes [William Downs], James Clarke, James Chitwood and John Collins all of Colonel Thomas’ Regiment Sumter’s’ Brigade State Troops per Certificate from the Commissioners for adjusting the said Regiment’s Accounts and Resolution of General Assembly 1786.” p 25 has the same endorsements as on page 19 above.


Received 5 May 1786 from the Commissioners of the Treasury full Satisfaction for the Above in An Indent No. 2680 Book X.

S/ P. Waters
Philemon Waters, for 255 days duty as Captain in General Pickens’ Brigade from 21st April 1782 to 31 December following both days inclusive at 60/ per day
[old South Carolina] Currency £765
Stg. [Sterling] £109.5.8 ½
Ex’d. J. Mc. A. G. [Executed by John McCall, Adjutant General]
State of South Carolina
Philemon Waters
Two hundred & fifty-five days Militia duty as Captain of a Station on Saluda River in General Pickens’ Brigade – commencing the 21st of April 1782 and ending the 21st of December following – both days included at three pounds old currency per day or £765 Reduced to Sterling is £109.5.8 ½
S/ P. Waters

Received 6 May 1786 full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 1136 Y
S/ P. Waters

For 123 Days Duty as Captain of Horse from the 20th March 1780 to the 4th June 1781 alternately in Colonel Water’s Regiment
Charged [old South Carolina] Currency £415.2.6
Add more 15.7.6
Currency £430.10.0
Sterling £61.10
Received 7 July 1786 full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 3249, X
S/ P. Waters

[p 42: Form of Indent No. 3249, Book X dated July 7th, 1786 delivered to Mr. Philemon Waters for the sum of 61 pounds 10 shillings Sterling for duty done as a Captain of Horse in Colonel Waters Regiment per Account audited.]

[p 56]
[illegible]
Philemon Waters
his account for a Gelding taken by Order of General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] to draw the Artillery belonging to the French Army from the Batteries before Savannah to Thunder Bolt which said gelding was lost & appraised at $2400 which with depreciation in December 1779 3233 [illegible]

Currency £120.12.7 ¼
Sterling £17.4.7 ¾

N. B. This account alt to be settled by the French Consul

Ex’d J. M’c. A. G.” [Executed by John McCall, Adjutant General]

[p 57: Form of Indent No. 88, Book Z dated January 23rd, 1787 delivered to Philemon Waters Esquire in the Sum of 20 pounds 4 shillings and 7 pence Sterling for a gelding to draw the Artillery belonging to the French Army from the Batteries before Savannah to Thunder Bolt]

[p 60]
To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives &c &c &c
The Petition of Philemon Waters
Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner at his own expense Raised & equipped a Troop of Horse in General Sumter’s Brigade of Cavalry without putting the State to one farthing of Expense and at the Expiration of ten months the term of enlistment your Petitioner paid off the Troop to a man and as the Horses, Saddles, Bridles and other Furniture at that time was very dear it cost your Petitioner a considerable sum to equip the Troop as above, though your Petitioner made use of these articles in paying off his Troops still your Petitioner most Humbly Conceives, the Service of the Horses & wearage of the Equipment is a Claim your Petitioner is entitled to as none of those articles were lost belonging to the Troop, consequently the State had nothing to pay but what was promised for enlistment In which case your Petitioner humbly Conceives himself entitled to pay for the service of his Horses &c – whereupon your Petitioner rest his case entirely with the wisdom and Justice of this House to grant him such relief as they in their wisdom shall deem meet

and your Petitioner as in duty bound will pray
S/ P. Waters

[p 62: word for word identical petition to the SC Senate]
The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Philemon Waters

Report

that they have considered the same and are of Opinion that some compensation should be allowed the petitioner for his Supplies to the State Troops as set forth in his petition.

Recommended that a law be passed [sic] for that purpose—

[Note: The following document was found filed with the papers of Col. John Thomas Jr in the online archives of the South Carolina Department of Archives and History. Its reference information is Archives ID: Series: S165015 Year: 1785 Item: 00090 ignore: 000]

To the Honorable President and Members of the Honorable Senate of the State of South Carolina

The Memorial of Philemon Waters of the State aforesaid

Humbly Sheweth

That your Memorialist to Establish the Liberties and freedom of this State did Raise a Troop of Horse under the command of Colonel John Thomas, and entered them in General Sumpters [Thomas Sumter’s] Regiment the 4th June 1781 –

The Proclamation was a Negro to each Private that would enlist for Ten Months; the Circumstances of the times occasioned the Men to fear they never would get Paid, and to Satisfy them that there was not the least danger, I never required pay for myself; but sometime in the Month of July or August same year the Man Seemed much dissatisfied and Commotions seemed to arise in the Camps at a Place called Brown’s old field at Congarees, I used all the Influence in my Power to appease them, telling them they had proved themselves good Soldiers on some Occasions & hoped they would continue so to do & promised that if the Publick never paid them, I would as far as my little all would go, I pacified them, and they returned to their Duty until Discharged or at least Disbanded; the 25th of March was appointed to meet and Receive Payment and from that put off until the 15th of April following, but no pay being provided for them, the Men called on me to fulfill my Engagement to them Alleging that some of them lived in Virginia and elsewhere, and would not Wait; I made use of my Credit and Satisfied the most urgent of them, others I put off that was not so pressing and that lived near me until the Evacuation of Charleston and until the meeting of the General Assembly when they expected to receive ample Reward for their Services, but being disappointed, they again called on me for their Wages, & knowing myself bound in Honor could not put them off, but I have (by Selling part of what the British left me and drawing on my Merchant in Town) Satisfied them –

The Merchant now calls on me for a Settlement of my Account, and finding myself unable to discharge the Same your Memorialist Prays that your Honorable House will give an Order that the Young and old Negroes that were served out in Colonel Thomas’s Regiment but not coming under the Description of the Proclamation amounting to 12 or 13 Young & Old, may be invested in your Memorialist who will give any Security to the Public that these men will never make any demand against the Publick for the services in said Troop, or give him any other relief as in your Wisdom shall think meet & Your Memorialist as in duty bound will ever Pray

Signed   P Waters

[Handwritten signature]