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

The Humble Petition of John Brown

Sheweth

To your Honorable Body that in February in the year of our Lord 1775 he enlisted in Captain Thomas Pinckney’s Company of the 1st Regiment of South Carolina Regular line Commanded by Colonel Gadsdens [Christopher Gadsden] and served in his Company and Captain Cattle’s [Benjamin Cattell’s or William Cattell’s, both served as captains in the 1st SC Regiment] company until the year 1778 when he was discharged which discharge he has lost. Soon after his discharge he enlisted at Boston on board of the *Dean* Frigate from which he was transferred to the *Alliance* Frigate in which he continued until the close of the war. Your

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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 Possibly the same ship as: *Dean*, 32 guns, 1777-1783. GWA:701, Buel:87, Smith:137, 176-177, 199-200, 217-218, 254-257, 279-281, Augur:95, 165, ND9:653, JA7:90, 8:27, 9:228, Continental frigate, 32 guns, purchased in France, formerly Lyon, which successfully cruised the West Indies under Capt John Manley and survived the war. It was renamed the Hague but was sold at public auction in Boston in Oct 1783. CTP:66-67, this is the ship, Capt Elisha Hinman, which had formerly been Le Jonathan built at Nantes, Capt Pierre Patol, before it became part of the Continental Navy. C221, 222, other Captains were Samuel Nicholson, 1777, and John Nicholson, Nov 1779. Crewmen are listed in MAS. Ford1779:466, 899, Ford1780: 401, 669, 1026. JA6:67, 252, 9:228. [http://www.awiatsea.com/Other/Hough%20List%20C-D.html](http://www.awiatsea.com/Other/Hough%20List%20C-D.html)

3 Possibly the same ship as: *Alliance*. ND8:36, FW3:309, originally a 36 gun French frigate, which came under the American flag with Commodore John Paul Jones in Sep 1779, and Capt Pierre Landais. Connor:283, 286 (1878), frigate in action in 1779. C87, 178, this may be the vessel under Capt Pierre Landais, ship taken over by crew and placed under Cont. Navy Lt, James Arthur Degge, who was in command Aug 1780. JA8:19-20, 9:22, and many others. [This entry and the one below refer to the Continental Navy Frigate Alliance, never a French vessel, commanded in succession by Landais, Jones, Landais, and Barry. Thanks to reader KBGI for bringing this to my attention.]

*Alliance.*
Petitioner further Sheweth that he is now 67 years of age and thereby rendered unable to support himself by his labor on which he is entirely dependent for his maintenance – Your Petitioner therefore prays your Honorable Body to grant him such relief as in your [p 26] wisdom may deem meet and your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever Pray

S/ Brown