Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to St. George Tucker VAS1913 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

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To the honourable the Speakers and Members of the General Assembly of Virginia The Petition of St. George Tucker most respectfully sheweth.

That early in the month of June in the year 1781 the Continental Troops & Militia of this Commonwealth then under the command of Major General Baron de Steuben [Baron von Steuben], were at Prince Edward Courthouse in great need of spirituous liquors for the use of the Detachment. That your petitioner then residing in Cumberland near that spot, & being engaged in the service of his Country [as Colonel of Virginia Militia] made an offer to Baron de Steuben to let him have two Hogsheads of old Rum quantity 22.3 gallons which he then possess'd, upon condition of the same being repaid to him, in kind, within a reasonable time, or such compensation as the value thereof should reasonably entitle him to recieve, to which Baron de Steuben agreed, & gave your petitioner a reciept for the same. That your Petitioner after the Siege of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] applied to General Washington for an order on the Quarter Master General Col. Pickering to return the same in kind if the Quantity of those kinds of stores was such as to permit that Quantity to be spared. That Col. [Timothy] Pickering inform'd him it could not be done. That some time after he applied to the Executive of this Commonwealth for an order to the commercial Agent Mr Ross to the like effect, & obtained one from them - that Mr. Ross in the succeeding April delivered him one Hogshead of very inferior quality, Quantity 113 Gallons. – that he repeatedly applied for the remainder, & for a reasonable allowance for the difference both in the value & Quality of the rum furnished by him & received in return – that he hath never been able to effectuate a Settlement with Mr. Ross until this day, when he refused to make your petitioner any allowance for the difference of value & price, or to allow him any more than ten shillings p Gallon for the deficient Hogshead.

Your Petitioner humbly conceiving that those who have been most ready to serve their Country are entituled to recieve at the least and equal Compensation with others, respectfully submits these facts to the General Assembly, & prays that they will take the same into consideration, & make him such further allowance as to them in reason & Justice shall seem fit, & such as he humbly supposes all others under similar circumstances would have insisted on before they furnished the supplies in Question.

Jog Tucker

S. G. Tucker Nov'r. 17 1795

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