

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Private Act of Georgia Legislature for the benefit of Austin Dabney¹ Ga14

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An Act

For the relief of Austin, otherwise called Austin Dabney, a Free man of Colour

Whereas by an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia, passed on the fourteenth day of August, Seventeen hundred and eighty-six, it is stated that the said Austin Dabney during the Revolution, instead of advantaging himself of the times to withdraw himself from the American lines and enter with the majority of his color and fellow slaves in the service of his Britannic Majesty and his officers and vassals, did voluntarily enrol himself in some one of Corps under the command of Colonel Elijah Clark, and in several actions and engagements behaved against the enemy with a bravery and fortitude which would have honored a free man, and in one of which engagements he was severely wounded, and rendered incapable of hard servitude; and policy as well as gratitude demand a return for such service and behaviour, from the Commonwealth; And it was further stated in said act, that said Austin "should be entitled to the annuity allowed by this State to wounded and disabled soldiers." And the said Austin having petitioned the Legislature for some aid in his declining years; and this body considering him an object entitled to the attention and gratitude of the State he has defended, and in this service he has been disabled;

Sect. 1st. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the same*—That the Lot or fraction of Land situate, lying and being in the County of Walton, in the first District, and known and distinguished by number two hundred eighty-four, containing one hundred and twelve acres, be the same more or less, be and the same hereby is conveyed and transferred to the said Austin during the period of his natural life of him the said Austin Dabney.

Sect. 2nd. *And be it further enacted*, that the Austin Dabney be, and he hereby is entitled to a plat for the same.

Sect. 3rd. *And be it further enacted*, That a lot and number above named is, and shall be exempted, from the contemplated sale of Fractions in said County, authorized by an act at the annual Session of the Legislature, in the year Eighteen hundred and twenty.

David Witt,
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Matthew Talbot,
President of the Senate

¹ John Robertson has amassed a collection of information and websites giving more information relating to this veteran. See, <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/dabney-grave.htm>

David Miller
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Edwin M. Bates, President
of the Senate

Executive Department Georgia
Assented to 16th, May, 1821

John Clark, Governor

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