Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to John Corley SC1572 AA11 Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1490

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No. 228

Lib. [Book] U July 9th, 1785

Mr John Cauley [sic] his Account of Militia Duty as private, Sergeant & Lieutenant since the reduction of Charlestown [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] Amounting to

[p 3] State of South Carolina

Dr. to Jno. Cauley	
for duty per Colonel Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] Return [not extant]	£532.15/
Stg. [Sterling]	£76.2.1 ½

Received 9^{th} of July 1785 the full amount of the above Account in a Treasury Indent No. 228 Book U

S/ John Corley

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[p 4: Printed form of Indent No. 228 Book U]

[p 5: Reverse of the above Indent containing, among other endorsements, the following:

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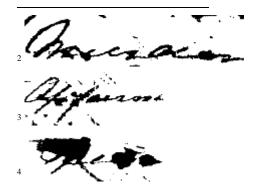
I hereby assign over all Right Title & Interest of this Indent to Samuel Blakeley Value Received S/ John Corley

Witness S/ John Fitzpatrick

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To the Honorable the Members of the Senate & house of Representatives of the legislature of South Carolina –

The petition of the undersigned inhabitants of the District of Edgefield Respectfully Sheweth that John Corley has resided in this District since the Revolution & has from that period to the present period sustained the Character of an honest sober & industrious citizen that by his personal labor he has supported himself & his family & continued to enjoy Abundance of the Comforts of life while his health & age enabled him to labor - Old age & its Attendant infirmities have at length overtaken him & deprived him of the physical ability of longer Supporting himself by labor. Your Petitioners have heretofore for born to present his case to your honorable body from a belief that he was unwilling to ask the aid of his Country while he was Able to provide the Necessities of life – But the time has arrived when longer Silence would be reproachful to them & cruel to him. At an early period of the revolution he joined the Standard of his Country & attached himself to Company then Commanded by Captain James Butler & served under him at Augusta, Cambridge & Lastly at Hases fort [Hayes Station?] – After the battle at the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] he received the Commission of Lieutenant under the late General William Butler & Continued to render Important services to the State in active & Zealous pursuit of the Tories in their progress of Rapine & [indecipherable word]² through the Districts of Edgefield, Laurence [Laurens] & Newberry. Many of your petitioners are living witnesses of the daring intrepidity displayed by him and his companions in their pursuit of the proscribing & relentless William Cunningham [William "Bloody Bill" Cunningham] About the close of the Revolution & these venture to [indecipherable word]³ that no individual could have Rendered more important Service in humble [indecipherable word]⁴ in which it was his fortune to act – He is now between 80 & 90 years of age & can no longer call to his Support the activity and enterprise which he devoted to his Country in her probation trial & suffering – In the Revolution of time Country & himself have changed conditions. He is now aged infirm & poor while the State is Young Rich & prosperous – with this State of facts before them your petitioners are desirous of performing an act of common gratitude to & honoured though humble benefactor of their Country by bringing his former services & present privations to the View of your Honorable body the cheering believe that you will cheerfully make provision to supply his



want & Relieve his [indecipherable word]⁵ for the Short Remnant of time that may be shared [paper damaged and text missing]

These therefore respectfully petition your humble body to grant him a liberal pension for life & thus will ever pray

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The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Edgefield praying that a pension may be granted to John Corley,

Respectfully report,

That they have taken the same into consideration, and recommend to this house that the prayer of the petitioners be granted and that the said John Corley be placed on the pension list at the rate of sixty dollars per annum December 1826

S/ John McComb, Chair of Committee