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South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Joseph Kershaw SC4581 pp 55 Audited Account No. 4259

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I do certify That Colo. Kershaw had orders from me, in the year 1778, 1779, & 1780 to supply all the Troops, (whether Continental or State,) on their Pass March Thro' or whilst stationed at Camden, with whatever Provisions, or Forage they had at any Time occasion for—

S/ J. Rutledge [John Rutledge]

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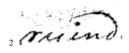
[Addressee: Former SC Governor John Rutledge]

Charleston Tuesday morn— 24th Feby 1784

Sr

I waited on your Brother Mr. E. Rutledge [Edward Rutledge] agreeable to your desire but found him too much engaged to examine the papers of Mr. Thos Rutledge [Thomas Rutledge], in order to enable me to make out a fair State of my Accounts settled with him in September 79 [1779] – the duplicates of which was, with my other papers destroyed by Lord Cornwallis 22nd June 1780 – fortunately for me I had sent my principal Books of Accounts & Land Titles to the Mountains of Virginia & my Bonds & Notes into the hands of Mr. Hilligas [sic, Michael Hillegas] Philadelphia which is nearly the whole property I saved except my dwelling House the British having destroyed not less than from 17 to [paper damaged and text missing] of my real property, besides cutting me out of an Income of at least Two Thousand pounds Sterling per annum which my Mills & Brewery & distillery & Fa [paper damaged and text missing] me – so that I am very near if not totally [undeciphered word]² –

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I find I am likely to be put under many difficulties in getting my Accounts Settled with the Auditor, tho there is not a shilling charged but what I honestly furnished, besides dedicating my whole time, and rideing many thousand miles at my Own Expense on the public Service from October 75 to 27^{th} May 1780 – for which I never charged one farthing except when out on two or three Commands which never Indemnified me for One quarter, the expense I was at in providing extra Supplys to the men under my Command. I have just taken the liberty of laying these facts before you, as the supplies was chiefly furnished by Orders from you when you presided as Gov^r [Governor] and which you assured me the Public would reimburse. I am with Great Esteem

Sr

Your most Obed. Servt.

S/ Jo Kershaw



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Government House Charleston 10th April 1784

Gentlemen

Colonel Kershaw having last Council day brought into Council some Receipts due him by the Public which were audited, requesting they might be passed by the Council & he be furnished with an Order on the Treasury for an Indent for the same amounting to Four thousand pounds Sterling – It was imminently agreed that as so much viz. Four hundred and six pounds eight Shillings & eight pence Sterling of the aforesaid Account appeared to be a Charge for damages during the War to the buildings at Camden the same shall be deducted therefrom to ascertain the pleasure of the Legislature thereon hereafter, & that an Order for the Remainder be passed to the Treasury for an Indent –

Therefore be pleased for said Remainder of said Accounts to issue unto Colonel Joseph Kershaw an Indent from the Treasury for the Sum of Three thousand five hundred and ninety three pounds eleven Shillings & four pence Sterling. I am

Gentlemen

Your obedient & most humble Servant S/ Ben. Guerard [Benjamin Guerard]

In: Cuerard

To The Commissioners of the Treasury of South Carolina

6 Indents of £500 each
4 do of £100 each
2 do of £50 each
4 do of £20 each
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1 do
2 do of £30 each
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I Years Int. due