## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to Peter Landgon [Langdon]<sup>2</sup> SC47 pp 6 Audited Account No. 4428A

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## [p 3]

To the Honorable Daniel DeSaussure Esquire President and other the Honorable Members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina

The Humble Petition of Peter Langdon formerly a Gunner on board the Ship *South Carolina* lately belonging to this State Sheweth

That the state of South Carolina is justly indebted to your Petitioner in the Sum of sixty-five pounds three Shillings and nine Pence Sterling for his Services as a Gunner on board the Ship *South Carolina*<sup>3</sup> lately belonging to this State commanded by Commodore Gillon as appears by an Account thereof certified under the Hand of Alexander Gillon Esquire and that your Petitioner is now in the greatest Want and Distress, in a very bad State of Health, and reduced to Extreme Necessity by a fatal and inevitable Misfortune being now just arrived in this Port after having been cast away and ship wrecked.

See also, D. E. Huger Smith. Commodore Alexander Gillon and the Frigate South Carolina *The South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine* Vol. 9, No. 4 (Oct., 1908), pp. 189-219

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <a href="http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/">http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/</a>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the <a href="Just take me to the search page">Just take me to the search page</a> 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. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Indexed in the SC Audited Accounts under "Langdon, Peter."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> South Carolina. Foote: 112-116, 119, 120, Sch V: 55, M: 274, privateer man of war of 40 guns, 1355 tons, manned by 540 men, which left the Texel (the Netherlands) on 25 August 1781, with SC Navy Commodore Alexander Gillon in command. This vessel was the property of France, originally the *Indien*, built in Holland, loaned to the State of South Carolina for 3 years for privateering. It took part in the Spanish/American capture of Nassau in 1782, under Capt John Joyner. The ship was taken by the British in Sep 1782, and crew sent to prison in New York. One of its prizes was taken Sep 1781 and one of its prize crew sent to Mill Prison. (Clark: I: 138 shows her captured 19 Dec 1782, by the British *Astrea, Diomeda, Quebec*. The ship is said to have arrived in New York on 24 Dec.) Ford1782:309, 632, 703, Ford1784:332. JA6:295, 9:491. CTN: 58. CTP: 123. Foote: 120-121, Caleb Foote served as a seaman on the *South Carolina* for 14 months. DaviesXIX:2156, Germans in crew. Volo: 53. Silverstone: 20. Paullin: 448. Chapelle: 96, 116. Coggins: 102. <a href="https://www.awiatsea.com/Hough/Hough%20List%20S.html">https://www.awiatsea.com/Hough/Hough%20List%20S.html</a> See also, James A. Lewis, *Neptune's Militia: The Frigate* South Carolina *during the American Revolution*, Kent, Ohio: The Kent State University Press, 1999

Your Petitioner therefore humbly praise that your Honorable House will take his particularly distressed lamentable situation into consideration and will grant him such Relief as by his Services to this State, he may seem to your Honors justly to deserve, And your Petitioner as in Duty bound

Will ever pray &c

S/ Peter Landgon

[p 5: Printed form of Indent No. 722 Book C dated March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1789 "delivered to Mr. Peter Langdon [sic] this our INDENTED CERTIFICATE for the Sum of Sixty six Pounds, three Shillings and nine Pence Sterling, for nine Months pay as Gunner on board the Ship *South Carolina*; Also for Cash paid by him when recruiting at Philadelphia – per Resolution of the Legislature 13<sup>th</sup> Instant & Account Audited."]

[p 6: Reverse of the above Indent bearing an endorsement by which the veteran assigned his name with his mark.]