

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Thomas Spragins [Spraggins] SC5468 pp 8
Audited Account No. 7254

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[No. 296 Book X September 16, 1785]

£72.8.6

Thomas Spragins's Account of Militia Duty as Captain, before, and since the reduction of Charlestown [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] Amounting to

[old South Carolina Currency] £594.15/

Stg. [Sterling] ~~£84.19.3 ¼~~

Ex^d. W.R. [Examined by William Roach² [identity unknown]]

J. M^c. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

£87.15/old Currency of the above is for overseeing Negroes the charge is high say by [illegible]

Day; see the Account within

Not certified

Past for Seventy Two Pounds 8/6

ED

£2.17.10 Passed for Two Pounds Seventeen Shillings & ten Pence more ED

The Publick of South Carolina to Thomas Spragins

Dr.

March

1779

for Overseeing the Negroes in the Public
Service at the Camp near Adams ferry
from the 8 day of February to the 6th day
of March last inclusive is 27 days at
65/ [65 Shillings old SC Currency] per day

£78.15

£78.15

Thomas Spragins

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² See SCAA 5023 p 2

Thomas Spraggins

South Carolina
Ninety Six District
the above Account Signed and__
Attested before
LeRoy Hammond, JP

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State So. Carolina Dr. to Thomas Spraggins		
for Duty per Col. Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] Return [not extant]		<u>£594.15</u>
amount	594.15	£84.19.3 ¼
deduct the charge for overseeing		
Negroes not Certified, [undeciphered]	£87.15	
was the above is much too high	507	
	72.8.6	
allow Sergeant's pay for 27 days	20.5	
at 15/per day	Stg. £2.17.10 [undeciphered]	

Received 16 September 1785 72 Pounds 8/6 Stg. Full Satisfaction for Indent No. 296 = X
£72.8.6

Thomas Spraggins

Thos Spraggins

[p 4: Printed form of Indent No. 296 Book X]

[p 5: Reverse of the above Indent.]

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Thomas Spraggins's Account for Militia Duty being Balance for £2.17.10
Vide Book X No. 296

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Received one March 1786 full Satisfaction for the within in an indent No. 1758 – X
Thos. Spragins

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I do hereby Certify that the bearer here of Thomas Spraggins was employed by me to overlook the
Workmen in preparing places of confinement to secure the prisoners taken under my command at
Augusta in the year 1779 and beginning of the year 1780
Charleston 20th January 1786

A Wmson [Andrew Williamson]

*A Wmson*³

³ This is the signature of General Andrew Williamson of the South Carolina Militia.

[Transcribers Note: I believe the following from South Carolina Stub books l-n relates to this veteran:

No. 11

Book M

Issued the 1st of October 1784 to Lieut. Thomas Sprugins late of Lt. Col. Samuel Hammond's Regiment of State troops⁴ for forty seven pounds Sterling being the balance of pay and Bounty due him for Services in that Regiment Together with the Interest thereon from the first April 1782 to date of Indent: Agreeable to a resolution of the General Assembly of the 11th March last &c: --&c

Principal	£47.0.0
Interest	3.5.9]

⁴ Men who enlisted for ten months beginning in April 1781 in the SC State Troops of Light Dragoons under Hammond were promised wages payable in slaves taken from the Tories. Such 'pay' was known as "Sumter's Wages." When the number of confiscated slaves proved inadequate to pay this horrendous form of payment, the South Carolina Legislature authorized the payment of £94 Sterling in lieu of one grown Negro slave. The amount of this Indent leads me to believe that this veteran who, as a lieutenant in said regiment, was entitled to one grown and one small Negro slave must have received the grown slave with the Indent being for the value of a small slave.