Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

State Pension Application of James Campbell VAS60 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

[From pension records in the Library of Virginia:]

In obedience to an order of Berkeley Court I have examined Captain James Campbells Wounded arm; and find the Joint of the Elbow quite Stiff, the Joint of Wrist [illegible word], and the arm wasted above the Elbow – I had the opportunity of visiting Capt. Campbell soon after he recev'd. the Wound in that action, and nothing but a good Constitution, and close attention would have brought him [illegible word] it Given under my hand at Martinburgh [sic: Martinsburg] in Berkeley County Virginia this 23^d day of October 1785[?]

Adam Stephen

Berkeley Sct. October Court 1788.

James Campbell proved to the Court that he was Lieutenant in a Company of Voluteers Commanded by Colonel George Scott, that in a Battle fought near Piscataway in the Jerseys on the first of March 1777 he was wounded, in which Colonell Charles Mynn Thruston Commanded, his left arm being broke, ordered that Adam Stephen examine the said wound and certify the Disability the said James Campbell now labours under in consequence of the said Wound. A Copy. M. Hunter C.B.C.

Mr. Lee from the Committee of Public Claims reported that the Committee had according to order had under their consideration the Petition of James Campbell to them referred and had come to a Resolution thereupon which he read in his place and afterwards Delivered in at the Clerks table where the same was again twice read and agreed to as followeth.

Resolved that it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Petition of the said James Campbell who in Consequence of the requisition of Congress entered as a Lieutenant in Captain George Scott's Company of Volunteers under the Command of Colo. Thruston and in an engagement with the Enemy near Piscattaway in the Service received a wound in his left arm which fractured the Bone by means whereof he is rendered incapable of procuring a livilehood for himself and family, is reasonable and that the Petitioner ought to be allowed the sum of £30, for his present releif and a further allowance of half pay as a soldier during life from the 15^{th} day of April 1777 and that the same ought to be charged in the account of this Commonwealth against the United States of America.

Teste. Edm'd Randolph CHD [Clerk of the House of Delegates] 19th November 1788/ Agreed to by the Senate/ John Beckley C. S.

To his Excellency the Governor & the Honourable the Council of Virginia

James Campbell of the County of Berkeley Humbly Sheweth That in January 1777 he marched to the Army then in the Jerseys as Lieutenant of a Company of Volunteers commanded by Capt. George Scott. that on the first day of March following in an action fought near Piscataway wherein Colo. Thruston commanded the s'd. James was wounded by a Musquet Ball which broke his arm, by which he has ever since been disabled in consequence of which upon an application to the General Assembly he was some years ago placed upon the Pension List & received a pension for one or Two years when for want of further application according to the method then prescribed it was discontinued & he has never since been replaced, as his disability has remained & still does remain he Humbly Prays, that he may be agained replaced on the s'd Pension List with such allowance as may be just & reasonable and that he may have such arearages as may be agreeable to the regulations now subsisting respecting pensioners

And he will ever pary &c./ James Campbell