

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to George Carter SC1227  
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1105E

AA81

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1788

11 February – Report on the petition of Doctor George Carter  
R228.1788

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The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Dr. George Carter  
Report

They have considered the [indecipherable word] the reasons why the Commissioners of Public Accounts rejected his claim – It appears the said Commissioners founded their determination on a Resolution of the Legislature of the 13<sup>th</sup> August 1783 which incapacitated persons from receiving any benefit for Personal Services, who had acted in the Service of the Enemy, But as the Petitioner has done away [with a] Great part of the objections by two affidavits & as it also appears (by a Certificate signed by the Colonels Smith & Moultrie) he has rendered material Services to the American Army in the line of his Profession, we recommend to the House to make him compensation for the same.

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To the Honorable the President & the Members of the Honorable house the Senate  
The Petition of George Carter humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner on application to the Commissioners of accounts on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July last was informed his Claims could not be admitted, as the proper vouchers were not lodged in their Office previous to the above date. That this Circumstance was not owing to any neglect on the part of your Petitioner will appear from the several Affidavits hereto annexed, which prove that his Accounts have been in due time delivered into the former Commissioners, & ought by them to have been transferred, with the rest of their Papers to the Gentlemen now in that Office.

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<sup>1</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) 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 Services on which these Claims are founded he flatters himself, are not yet erased from the memory of many of the Gentlemen in this Honorable House, and, he will be bold to say [the balance of this page of his petition is illegible in the form posted online]

S/ Geo Carter



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The State of South Carolina

Dr

To George Carter

1780

March 1<sup>st</sup>

To pay due me as Chief Physician & Surgeon to the Charlestown Regiment of Militia from the 4<sup>th</sup> of February 1779 to this Day being 390 days, both days inclusive, at \$5 per day

£455

To Subsistence from the above time, 6 Rations per day at 10d [£0.10] Sterling each

97.10

August 20<sup>th</sup>

To pay due me as Director General of the State Hospital from March 2<sup>nd</sup> to this day being 171 days, both days inclusive at \$6 per day

239.8

To Subsistence for the above time, 9 Rations per day at 10d Sterling each

64.2.9

£856.0.6

To Interest on the above to November 26, 1792  
12.3 15

735.0.6

£1591.1

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I do Certify that Doctor George Carter had an Audited Account by the Auditor General & sent it to the Office of the Commissioners for the Speedy Settlement of the Public Accounts, which said Account was not passed by the Commissioners, but returned to the Auditor General, with other Accounts, when the Commissioners' Office was done away with.

October 27<sup>th</sup>, 1792

Signed

Daniel Smith

late clerk to the Commissioners

(a true Copy)

Commissioners Office October 26 17 92

We Certify that Doctor George Carter made Application to the Commissioners, for settling Public Accounts within the time prescribed by law

Signed

S/ William Moultrie Commissioners

S/ A. Vanderhorst appointed Public Accounts

N. B.

This private pique of one of the former Commissioners the said Vouchers were not passed as they are all to have been, but bandied about in the manner as before [indecipherable word] – [another indecipherable word] the services been rendered does appear by the Account Audited – why should not compensation have been made.

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To the Honorable the President & Members of the Honorable Senate  
The Petition of George Carter humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner having made application at the last sitting of the Legislature for the Settlement of his Accounts, the Committee to whom it was referred reported as follows. “Doctor George Carter’s Petition is for Services performed during the war, which is not sworn to & it appears that the Commissioners for settling public Accounts have rejected it, as no such Account had been delivered within the time prescribed by Law; But it also appears to your Committee by the Certificate of the clerk of the Board of Commissioners (Messrs. Darrell Lushington & Lightwood) that the said Account had been in that Office, but was not passed, but that it was returned to the Auditor when the Board was dissolved. The Committee were unacquainted with the reason which induced the former Commissioners to reject or neglect passing the Account. They therefore recommend that the consideration of it be postponed till the next meeting of the Legislature.”

In consequence of the above recommendation your Petitioner begs leave to inform the Honorable House that on his first Application to the Auditor General. In the year 1783, his Accounts were then rejected on the plea of his having taken British Protection, a measure to which he had been by the deepest distress constrained in common with many other good citizens, & which in no other instance had been urged against the liquidation of their Claims, when supported by such respectable Vouchers as your Petitioner can produce. – He afterwards applied to the Board of Commissioners, consisting of Messrs. Darrell, Lushington & Lightwood & those Gentlemen told him the Auditor had been informed that he had taken a British Commission. In order to obviate this unfounded & malicious charge, your petitioner made oath before Colonel Lushington, one of the Board, that he had never borne any Commission directly or indirectly under his Britannick Majesty, since his departure from the British Dominions or arrival in America in the year 1776. Notwithstanding this, on the dissolution of that Board, the Accounts were returned to the Auditor General & by him transferred to the present Commissioners, who have certify that his Accounts were lodged in their Office within the time prescribed by Law, but had formerly objected to the want of the proper vouchers which your petitioner had conceived it necessary for him to retain in his own hands Ready to be produced when called upon to substantiate his claims. – In support of the above your petitioner has taken the liberty to enclose documents which he hopes will fully authenticate whatever he has advanced & satisfy the Honorable House of his right to that compensation which he now expects from their justice. – And your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c  
Charleston 5<sup>th</sup> of November 1793

S/ Geo. Carter

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Geo. Carter", written in dark ink on a light background.

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The State of South Carolina

Dr

To George Carter

1780

March 1<sup>st</sup>

To pay due me as Chief Physician & Surgeon  
to the Charlestown Regiment of Militia  
from the 4<sup>th</sup> of February 1779 to this Day  
being 390 days, both days inclusive, at  
\$5 per day

£455

To Subsistence from the above time, 6 Rations  
per day at 10d [£0.10] Sterling each

97.10

August 20<sup>th</sup>

To pay due me as Director General of  
the State Hospital from March 2<sup>nd</sup> to  
this day being 171 days, both days inclusive  
at \$6 per day

239.8

To Subsistence for the above time, 9 Rations  
per day at 10d Sterling each

64.2.9

£856.0.6

To Interest on the above to November 20<sup>th</sup> 1795 is  
15 years & 3 months

913.15.10

£1769.16.4

State of South Carolina city of Charleston} Before me Peter Bounetheau, 1 of the Justices of the  
Quorum for the State of South Carolina, personally appeared Doctor George Carter, who being  
sworn doth set forth & declare that the above Account is just & true, it being for service rendered  
the public of this State under his Appointment as Chief physician and Surgeon & Director  
General of the Militia Hospital – This deponent further saith & declares, that he never either  
directly or indirectly bore any Commission whatever under the British Government since his  
arrival in this Country in the year 1776.

S/ George Carter

Sworn before me this 5<sup>th</sup> of November 1793

S/ Peter Bounetheau, J. Q.

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To the Honorable the President & the Honorable Members of the Senate  
The Petition of George Carter humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner having made repeated Applications to the Legislature at their  
different sitting, and had his Petition referred to a Committee in the course of the last Spring  
Meeting, who reported in the following Manner. –

“The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Doctor George Carter

Report

That they have examined the Allegations stated in the Petition & find that the Petitioner’s Claim  
had been rejected under a Resolution of the Legislature passed the 9<sup>th</sup> of August 1783 – of which  
the following is an Extract. – “That the Auditor do not allow Accounts for personal Services  
before the Fall of Charleston in May 1780, to such persons as joined the Enemy & bore arms

with them.” – Your Committee have made diligent inquiry & have not the smallest reason to believe the Doctor ever acted against this State or the United States. – They therefore recommend that the Commissioners for settling the Public Accounts be directed to audit the same & grant an Indent for the Amount bearing Interest from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 1783.”

The Attention of the Honorable House having been particularly engaged by other business during the remainder of that & the whole of the next meeting, your Petitioner is constrained once more to solicit your interference in carrying into effect the recommendation of the Committee.

In addition to the above & the documents which accompanied his former Petition, he has taken the liberty of subjoining a Certificate from several Gentlemen who were witnesses of the Fidelity with Which he performed the Services for which he now seeks compensation & humbly hopes this Honorable House in consideration of the [indecipherable word] suspense he has already experienced will no longer delay to make him that Justice to which alone he lays claim. – And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c  
Charleston 4<sup>th</sup> November 1784

S/ Geo. Carter



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This is to certify that George Carter M. D. was Physician & Surgeon to the Charleston Battalion of Artillery, and in actual service, particularly at the Battle of Port Royal – that soon after he was honored with the Appointment of Director General of the Militia Hospitals in Charleston and continued in that Office until the Surrender of this place – in both of which Commissions he conducted himself with ability, humanity, integrity & honor. – In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands at Charleston this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 1794

Signed

Anthony Toomer

Daniel Stevens, Lt. A.

Peter Bountheau, Capt. A.

David Ramsey

Benjamin LeGare, Capt. Lt.

Samuel Legare, formerly Capt. Lt.

in Captain Toomer's Company

Charles Warham

William Hazell Gibbs, late Capt. Lt.

Thomas Elfe, Adjt.

Christopher Hart, Lt. Batt. A.

James D. Miller, Lt. B. A.

Joseph Righton, Lt. A.

[Note: All signatures above are copies, not original]

[p 24: another petition addressed to the South Carolina Senate, this one dated October 31, 1795. The wording of this petition is almost word for word identical to his prior petition and is supported by the certificate transcribed above & by various members of the Charleston Battalion of artillery.]

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The State of South Carolina

To George Carter

Dr

1780

March 1<sup>st</sup> To pay due me as Chief Physician & Surgeon

Dollars

	to the Charlestown Regiment of Militia from the 4 <sup>th</sup> of February 1779 to this Day being 390 days, both days inclusive, at \$5 per day	1950
	To Subsistence from the above time, 6 Rations per day at 10d [£0.10] Sterling each	417.85
August 20 <sup>th</sup>	To pay due me as Director General of the State Hospital from March 2 <sup>nd</sup> to this day being 171 days, both days inclusive at \$6 per day	1026
	To Subsistence for the above time, 9 Rations per day at 10d Sterling each	<u>274.82</u> 3668.67
	To Interest on the above to Dec. 19 <sup>th</sup> 1796 is 16 years & 3 months & 29 Days	<u>4194.40</u> 7863.07

[p 32: Another petition to the SC House of Representatives substantially identical to his prior petitions except as appears below]

...[recites the recommendation of the committee approving payment to the petitioner]

As this recommendation has not yet been carried into effect, your Petitioner is constrained once more to solicit your interference in rendering him the justice due to the Services he claims under & for the faithful performance of which he needs only refer to the recollection of several of the Honorable Members & an unsolicited from many unquestionable witnesses, a Copy of which he has taken the liberty to annex – & has lodged the Original, with a number of other documents in the hands of the Honorable Edward Rutledge.

If to the strict justice of his claims any other considerations were necessary to be added he would beg leave to suggest the loss he sustained by the British carrying off his Books of the Hospital Department containing his vouchers for large quantities of Medicines, for which he made no charge against the public – the disadvantages of the long delay he has labored under – & the heavy pressure of late severe calamity by fire. –

In full confidence that this Honorable House will take the above into their most serious consideration, your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray&c.

S/ Geo. Carter

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The State of South Carolina

Dr

To George Carter

1780

March 1<sup>st</sup>

To pay due me as Chief Physician & Surgeon  
to the Charlestown Regiment of Militia  
from the 4<sup>th</sup> of February 1779 to this Day  
being 390 days, both days inclusive, at

Dollars

	\$5 per day	1950
	To Subsistence from the above time, 12 Months & 25 days at 40 dollars per month	513
August 20 <sup>th</sup>	To pay due me as Director General of the State Hospital from March 2 <sup>nd</sup> to this day being 171 days, both days inclusive at \$6 per day	1026
	To Subsistence for the above time being 5 Months & 18 days at 50 Dollars per Month	<u>280</u>
		3769
1798 Nov. 20 <sup>th</sup>	To Interest on the above to this date being 18 years & 3 months	<u>4814</u>
		8583

[Note: This file contains numerous other petitions by the veteran seeking complete compensation for his services. It appears that he did receive compensation for his services as a physician and surgeon in the militia hospital but was not compensated for his services as Director General of the Militia hospitals in Charleston. The petitions in the file show that he continued his efforts until 1810.]