

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Bennet Crafton SC28
Audited Account No. 1560-B

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To the Honorable the President and the rest of the Members of the Senate
The Memorial of Bennet Crafton
Humbly Sheweth

That your Memorialist has served during the whole Period of the late happy Revolution in various Characters with Credit and honor as is well known to many of the Members of your Honorable house –

That in the Commencement of the War the Continental and Militia Adjutants in other States were allowed to receive the pay of lieutenants which in the year 1776 was found to be inadequate, and then allowed by a Resolve of Congress and other States to be raised to the pay of Captain of Infantry.

That in the year 1778 upon a Revisal of the Militia Law, the Militia of this State was divided into Brigades and an Adjutant appointed for each Regiment with the pay of Captain being three pounds currency per day. Agreeable to which your Memorialist was appointed Adjutant to the one then under the Command of Colonel Andrew Williamson.

That by a Subsequent Resolve of your Honorable house in the year 1783, the Auditor General is enjoined to settle with the Officers and Men of the Militia of this State at the Rates of pay allowed to the Provincial Troops in the year 1775, by which your Memorialist for the following reason thinks himself particularly affected – The Regiment to which he had been appointed being found too large, was shortly after divided, and the Command given to Colonels Hammond [Leroy Hammond] and Pickens [Andrew Pickens], after which Period your Memorialist was constantly in the field with one or other of these regiments.

Your Memorialist therefore prays that Relief which to Your Honorable House may seem fit – And as in Duty will ever pray.

S/ Bennet Crafton



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[The above petition bears no date, but a note indicates it was referred to a committee in 1785 composed of Col. Gervais, Col. Hill and Col. Hampton.]

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In the House of Representatives of March 8, 1785
The Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Bennet Crafton
Report

That they have considered the same and are of opinion that the pay of Militia Adjutants by the revisal of the Militia Law of this State in 1778 was not upon the principal of Depreciation but because the same was not equal to the Service as appears by the Resolve of Congress in 1776 raising the pay of Adjutants in the Continental Service from the pay of Lieutenants to that of Captains of Infantry which was Three pounds.

Your Committee are therefore of Opinion that Adjutants of Militia Regiments should receive pay for their services of Three pounds per day for duty done since the Revisal of the Militia Law of this State in 1778 particularly your Memorialist who appears to your Committee did double duty by acting a great part of his time for two Regiments and do recommend that a Resolve to pass for that purpose –

RESOLVED That this House do agree with the Report

ORDERED, that the Report and Resolution be sent to the Honorable the Senate for their Concurrence

By order of the House
S/ John Stanford Dart, C. H. R.

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In the Senate March 11th, 1785

RESOLVED that this House do concur with the House of Representatives in the foregoing Report & Resolution.

ORDERED That the Report and Resolution be sent to the House of Representatives.

By order of the Senate
S/ Felix Warley, C. S.