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South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Michael Burger SC33 Audited Account No. 912.5 AA7

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To the Honorable John Juliens Pringle Esquire Speaker and the Members of the House of Assembly for the State of South Carolina

The petition of Mary Magdalene Burger widow Humbly Sheweth

That your petitioner's Husband Michael Burger on the commencement of the late War Enlisted in the Artillery of this State and regularly discharged his duty therein for the Term which he had Engaged.

That on his being discharged therefrom he served in the wagon department for several months, and then Enlisted in the Second Regiment of Foot, in which she continued until the Surrender of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] from which he was carried off, on board a British Ship of War as a prisoner.

That during his Continuance in the Service of the State, he discharged his duty to the Satisfaction of the Several Officers under whom he served.

That he is since dead, leaving your petitioner aged and infirm without any means of support, by which she is reduced to great distress.

May it therefore please your Honors to take your Petitioner's Case into Consideration and to make such order for relief as shall seem just in your Honors' wisdom. And she shall ever pray S/ Mary Magdalene Burger, X her mark

[There was a report and resolution in the House of Representatives on October 10, 1788 denying the petition of the widow on the grounds that there was no proof as to the death of her husband while in the service of the State.]

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