

## [Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to John Berry SC5493

Audited Account No. None

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[Transcribers Note: There is no file in the South Carolina Audited Accounts regarding this veteran's service. The following information was found in South Carolina Stub book I-n:

No. 41

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Issued the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 1784 to Mr. John Berry  
late a private in Lieut. Col. Saml. Hammond's<sup>2</sup> regi-  
ment of State-Troops for Ninety four pounds  
Sterling being the Ballance of Pay and Bounty due  
him for Services done in that Regiment Together  
with Interest thereon from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 1782 to date of  
Indent: Agreeable to a resolution of the General  
Assembly of the 11<sup>th</sup> March last &c – &c  
Principal           £94.0.0  
Interest            6.11.7]<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) 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, if any, 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 number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

<sup>2</sup> [Samuel Hammond S21807](#)

<sup>3</sup> Men who enlisted for ten months beginning in April 1781 in the SC 10-month State Troops of Light Dragoons under Hammond were promised a bounty and wages payable in slaves taken from the Tories. Such 'pay' was known as "Sumter's Wages." When that horrific form of payment could not be made because too few slaves were confiscated from the Tories, by act dated March 21, 1784, the SC Legislature authorized the payment in pounds Sterling deemed to equal the value of the slaves not delivered (to wit, £94 Sterling for one 'grown Negro' and £47 Sterling for one 'small Negro.') That act also exonerated Sumter and the troops under his commend form liability due to plundering of the estates from which the slaves were taken.