Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Petition for Back Pay John Thompson Green SC8[1] SC Archives
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The Honourable Speaker and Members
House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina

The petition of Major John Thompson Green, sh*e*weth that your petitioner served in the years of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty, eighty-one and eighty-two as a private first, as an adjudent*ly* [sic ?] Secondly, as a ~~*Captain*~~ first Lieutenant, as a Captain fourthly and lastly as a Major in the Pee Dee Regiment in General Marion's *[Francis Marion's]* Brigade during the Revolutionary War. Your petitioner further *sheweth* to your Honorable body that in the last of the year one thousand seven hundred & eighty-two your petitioner was sent to Virginia for Negroes which had been taken away which prevented his getting Certificate when the army was disbanded.

Your petitioner further *sheweth that* your honourable body, that he sent his accounts to General Marion to be deposited in the proper office in order to insure payment for his services which he was informed by General Marion he had never received and that he could not he *found*, be paid, as the time had elapsed for presenting demands of the kind of your petitioner's, but as your petitioner is advised that the liberality of the Legislature as well as its justice will not permit an aged soldier to lose the reward of his sufferings and privations he confidently approaches and asks for his pay which is still in arrears. The accompanying documents will prove the correctness of your petitioner's claims and your petitioner will ever pray.

Jno T. Green

Personally appeared before me Major Green who being duly sworn under oath that he never has directly or indirectly received any compensation for his services as a private or as an officer during the Revolutionary War. Sworn to before me the (Signed) John T. Green 28th Nov. 1820.
John L. Wilson
N. P. J. Q.

[1] This number has been assigned to this petition by Will Graves simply as a way to index this document in the database. It indicates that this petition is the 8th state application or petition filed by a veteran who served in SC. This document is not found in the records of the National Archives and is not posted on Fold3.com.

To the Honourable Speaker)
and house of Representatives) The Petition of Major John Thompson Green humbly Sheweth, that your Petitioner renders you his grateful thanks for your kind Compliance in the payment of the principal amount of his Account against the State of South Carolina for Services done in the Revolutionary War, he now sollicits your honourable Boddy for the Interest due thereon and hopes when you hear of the dangers, hardships and losses he met with, you may in your Wisdom grant it. Your petitioner was a prisoner on parole when General Marion came into this State with a few men, your petitioner, as soon as he heard it broke his parole, took his life in his hands and Join'd the General, knowing at the same time if ever he was taken a prisoner that death would Inevitably be his Lott, but that did not intimidate him from turning oute to assist in resqueing his beloved Country from Tyranny, Bondage and Slavery, his Sufferings were grate haveing but a few men were Oblidged to keep a flying camp, Surrounded by enemys on all sides, the British on one side and Torys on the other, our Retreat was generally in Peedee or Santee Swamp with the heavens for our Covering, not haveing even a hut to Shelter from the Inclemency of the Weather, Winter nor Summer (until a little before the Close of the War when we were stationed at Wadboo) in our extremity we Suffered grately for food as well as for everything else being the gratest part of our time half Starved getting Some times one Meal a day and that of fresh beef without Salt or Bread, and in the time of Potatoes, to go to a field and Grable and roste them, Marching frequently day and Night, Besides your petitioner never made any Account against the State for all the Services he did before the Captor of CharlesTon by the British *[Charleston fell to the British on May 12, 1780]*, which was very Considerable at Catt Island below Georgetown, and other places guarding the Sea Coste from the enemy, his Vouchers will show that he did all in his power for the good of his Country, Allso the losses he met with by Coll Watson's party of British who took a parcell of Indigo and a Gelding, the horse he broke down and lamed him in all his feet running after the British Sometime before that, but he had got better and might of Answered for the plow, at the action at Quinby,[2] Your petitioner was ordered, with his Troop, to fetch up the Rear guard of the Army with the Wounded men, after it was over, which Caused him to be very late at Night in getting to the Camping ground at *Mr.* Ball's plantation where we staid that Night. When he got there and found his Servant, he had nothing but the Saddle on his horse and Said, when *he got of [off] his horse to get some Corn for him, some person Cut the Portmanteau from the Saddle*, with all his Clothes except what he had on, this was adding distress upon distress, in Camp Naked, in a manner, withoute Clothes or Money to purchase with, had they of been to be got. At the Close of the War Your Petitioner was apply'd to by a Relation of his to go into North Carolina and Virginia after a parcel of Stolen Negroes he had taken from him and Caried their, Your petitioner got leave (here two lines are illegible. The original document consists of two pages, the last line on the first page and the first line on the second page are now illegible from having been handled)
…. and he made oute his Account and got Coll. Baxter to Certify it; and Inclosed it in a Letter to the General requesting him to do the Same and to lodge it in the office for him, which which he expected he would doe as he then had the Command of Fort Johnson near Charleston. Sometime after the Limitation was oute rendering those Accounts, Your petitioner was in Charleston and went to the office to get his Indents but it Coud not be found. Your petitioner thinks as near as he can Recolet that it was in or near about the Year 1792 that General Marion was Elected a Member this honourable house - Your petitioner was then in hopes something might be done for him and Came up for that purpose - when he seen the General and Spoke to him aboute it, he assured him that he had never received his letter with the Account or he Certainly woud of done it with Pleasure. Your petitioner was told that nothing could be

[2] Probably a reference to the action on July 17, 1781
https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_quinbys_bridge.html

done for him then, for if he was paid it would be opening a doore for a Number of other Claims, which the financis of the State would not be able to satisfy he then got General Marion to Certifye his Account in hopes he might live to See the day when his State coud do him Justice, Bless God, he hopes he see's it this day. When your petitioner reflects back on the dark and Glomey times of 1780 and from that nearly to 83, what inward pleasure and Satisfaction it gives him that the Lord has been pleased to speare him to see the pleasing Change that has taken place, our States nearly doubled, our owne State Rich and flourishing, and if not the first one, · amongst the first in the Union, but above all when he looks around him in this house to See so grate a Number of the moste respectable characters at the helm of Government, that was at that time either Children or in non-existence enjoying the rich Blessings of a free and Independent Country and one of the finest in the World. Your petitioner has petitioned for the Whole of his Interest, but if you in your Wisd0m, think that his danger, his Sufferings and his losses as Stated herein truth are not Sufficient for it, whatever part you may give will be thankfully received and Your petitioner will ever pray

(Signed) John T.Green.

Sworn to before me)
the 20th Nov.1821)
John L. Wilson) W. T. S. H

On Back of this Document:

As a private 3 months
As adjudent 2 months
As Lieutenant 4months
As Captain 11 months
As Major 5 months

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 4 January 1821
Office of the Comptroller-General
No.2.50

Sir
Pay to Appropriation or Bearer One Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty-Eight Dollars being due Major John Thompson Green for Pay during the Revolutionary War, as appropriated by the Leg1s ature 20th Deer
1820. See Claims in Appropriations Acct No. 78 for which this shall be your Legal Warrant.

To Lyon Levy Esq.
Commissioner of the Treasury.
John S. Cogsdell
Comptroller-General

On Reverse Side:

$1368 Rec'd 4Jany 1821 payment of the within.

John L. Wilson.

For Compt.General

1)68 Rec'd 4 Jany 1821 of Lyon Levy Treasurer No•.2.$0 One Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty-Eight Dollars for an appropr. made last Session to Major John Thompson Green for pay during . the Revolutionary War.

John L. Wilson

On Outside: January 4, 1821
No.16, $1368

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"Gentlemen,
An Indent and Special Certificate for a years Interest due me for my Acct against the Public Lodged in your office, please to deliver to Major Jn Thompson Green and his receipt for the same shall be your sufficient Dis charge for the same.

Richard Green (Signed).

George Town
17th Augt 1784
Messrs Edward Blake &
Peter Boguet Commsrs
Public Treasury.

Cert. That the above order will be given in my Presence.

P. Horry T. P.