

we look on Frank in it and here in Frank  
in the Companies only and as an Incontestable  
proof that we were considered as by the Con-  
tinental Officers Capt. Bowens Company was on-  
ly one in Charleston one of the men ran off  
upon he ordered a Co. of Gentlemen but then be-  
-ing only the other R. and myself he applied  
to the Col. of the third S<sup>c</sup> Carolina Continentals  
Regt. who sent a R. to take care of that Regt. to make  
up a Court upon the whole to view my circum-  
stances such as to learn what an Application  
for a pension I should consider myself  
much better entitled to it than many who get  
it. As to this particular man Clayborne I know  
nothing of his circumstances but this I know  
I testified him when I did so I promised him  
that the Continentals Soldiers receive  
agreeable to my recruiting orders then this  
he did receive testify the side of the bear this  
I also know that for the three year he served  
then was not in the American army a mon-  
-th Soldier I believe I can safely say he was  
never under guard, at the expiration  
of the three year he was with himself as a  
number of others including Col. Peters's  
Regt. of 400 Men Surrendered by Gen. Mifflin  
-amson the Commanding Gen. to Gen. Cunningham  
-ham Capt. Paris at White Hall in Abbeville  
D<sup>c</sup> this Statement which I am sure is a con-  
-cord one you are at liberty to make full  
of if you please what with best wishes  
for a continuation of your Health conclude  
me yours very truly Samuel Earle