

HEIRS OF GENERAL THOMAS SUMTER.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 303.]

APRIL 4, 1840.

Mr. TALIAFERRO, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Sumter, report :

That the petitioner represents that his father, General Thomas Sumter, formerly of South Carolina, now deceased, who was a general officer of very distinguished reputation in the revolutionary war, not only gave his personal services to his country, in her great struggle for freedom and independence, but in the time of her utmost need loaned her a considerable sum of money, and received at the United States loan office in South Carolina, in evidence thereof, thirty-two certificates, of the nominal or paper-money value of one thousand dollars each—equal in specie to twenty five dollars each, or eight hundred dollars in all.

In the eventful life of General Sumter he lost or mislaid these certificates. Previous to his death he determined to apply to Congress for a special act for their payment, but sudden illness and death prevented his carrying his purpose into effect.

Upon examination of the records of the Treasury Department, the committee find that on the 1st of June, 1780, nineteen certificates, and on the 17th October, 1780, thirteen certificates, as described by the memorialist, were issued from the United States loan office in South Carolina, to Thomas Sumter, and have never been redeemed or paid by the United States; of which fact an official certificate from the Treasury Department accompanies this report.

As these certificates were issued in the name of General Sumter, and as no other person has made application for payment thereof, or set up a claim to the same; and as they have never been redeemed by the United States, and are now outstanding on the books of the Treasury, and are a fair and legitimate debt due from the United States, the committee think they ought now to be paid to the legal representative of the estate of General Thomas Sumter; upon condition that a bond be given to refund the amount, or any part thereof, if any other person shall hereafter produce the certificates, or any of them, and prove a legal title to the same.

In accordance with this view, the committee report a bill.

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List of loan-office certificates in the name of Thomas Sumter, remaining outstanding and unpaid.

No. of certificate.	Date of certificate.	At what office issued.	Commencement of interest.	Nominal amount.	Specie value.
4,221	June 1, 1780	S. Carolina	June 1, 1780	\$1,000	\$25
4,231	do.	do.	do.	1,000	25
4,244	do.	do.	do.	1,000	25
4,257	do.	do.	do.	1,000	25
4,258	do.	do.	do.	1,000	25
4,259	do.	do.	do.	1,000	25
4,262	do.	do.	do.	1,000	25
4,263	do.	do.	do.	1,000	25
4,270	do.	do.	do.	1,000	25
4,271	do.	do.	do.	1,000	25
4,274	do.	do.	do.	1,000	25
4,277	do.	do.	do.	1,000	25
4,280	do.	do.	do.	1,000	25
4,282	do.	do.	do.	1,000	25
4,287	do.	do.	do.	1,000	25
4,290	do.	do.	do.	1,000	25
4,295	do.	do.	do.	1,000	25
4,306	do.	do.	do.	1,000	25
4,328	do.	do.	do.	1,000	25
4,990	Oct. 17, 1780	do.	Oct. 17, 1780	1,000	25
4,991	do.	do.	do.	1,000	25
4,993	do.	do.	do.	1,000	25
5,002	do.	do.	do.	1,000	25
5,003	do.	do.	do.	1,000	25
5,006	do.	do.	do.	1,000	25
5,007	do.	do.	do.	1,000	25
5,009	do.	do.	do.	1,000	25
5,013	do.	do.	do.	1,000	25
5,038	do.	do.	do.	1,000	25
5,042	do.	do.	do.	1,000	25
5,043	do.	do.	do.	1,000	25
5,108	do.	do.	do.	1,000	25
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Register's Office, November 27, 1837.

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