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HIS MAJESTY'S SHIPS ON THE CAROLINA STATION

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Although ships of the Royal Navy had been stationed at New York and in the colonies of New England, Maryland, and Virginia from the early years of the eighteenth century, it was not until 1719 that a ship was stationed in South Carolina. From that date ships were also sometimes stationed in North Carolina, Georgia, and the Bahamas; sometimes the four colonies were grouped together. Since in any case ships from these other areas invariably visited South Carolina from time to time they have all been included in the following list. This has been compiled primarily from the List Books in the Public Record Office. These give the names of all ships in commission on the first day of each month, with their stations, the names of their captains and lieutenants, and, in the case of ships abroad, the dates of their departures from England. Owing to the time taken by letters in those days, errors are apt to creep in, especially when there were deaths and officers were appointed locally to fill vacancies. The dates of arrival at or departure from the station have been obtained from the log-books, usually those in the National Maritime Museum but sometimes those in the Public Record Office. These log-books have also been used to check the names of officers and it is believed that there can now be few errors among these. In the list of officers the names placed within parentheses are reliefs who joined during the commissions. The letters DD after an officer's name are the traditional abbreviation for 'Discharged-Dead'. In giving the dates of ships' presences on the station I have ignored temporary absences, such as when a ship went north to Halifax for operations during the summer.

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command, I would put a check to this evil; but now that I am, I do not know what to do about this miserable problem.⁵¹

In South Carolina and thereabouts, there is still much good land left but few settlers. Whoever wants to come here would do well not to delay until the good land is surveyed, for then he will either have to make do with poor land or buy good land at an expensive price. When people come here, who have been able to pay their passage across the sea, they are considered free, since they owe no one anything. To them the government gives fifty acres of land for every member of their family (an acre has thirty-five fathoms on a side, which make 1,225 square fathoms). This land is surveyed for them for free and a warrant for it is also issued. After that, they give them a sum of money in cash [?; "auf die Hand"], with which to buy rice for a year. They are free from taxes for ten years.⁵² After that, however, they must pay the king annually twenty *Batzen* in your money for one hundred acres of land. In addition, there are also provincial expenses for repairs to bridges and roads and also war taxes, which, however, are very low in peacetime. These taxes would get smaller and smaller, if the province were more densely populated, for there would be more tax-payers. At present, you pay for one hundred acres of land, as well as for a Negro, only ten and one-half *Batzen* in your money. In wartime it may increase as much as one-third. All this [tax money] is used for the benefit of the province and an annual account of it made in a printed record.⁵³ Otherwise, people are free and everyone, so to speak, a little king, a fact which cannot be changed, etc.

Since the space has run out for the present, more, God willing, will follow next year for the pleasure of the gentle reader. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all. Amen. Johannes Tobler.

⁵¹ Tobler here is alluding to the fact that he was a justice of the peace in New Windsor. He made attempts to reform New Windsor by reading aloud from or distributing devotional books sent him by Bolzius (see Urlsperger, *Ackerwerk*, II, 317; IV, 135) and by asking the provincial government for a school and a pastor (Meriwether, *op. cit.*, p. 72). Even Tobler's son, John, Jr., was found wanting. In 1762, he was "deprived of his commission as justice of the peace because of his irregular course of life." *Ibid.*

⁵² On the following subjects, see these pages in Meriwether, *op. cit.*: number of acres granted, pp. 19-20; exemptions from surveyors' fees, pp. 25, 163; "bounties," which were sometimes in provisions and tools, sometimes in cash, pp. 25, 163, and index, under "Bounties to settlers"; the ten-year exemption from quit rents and provincial taxes, p. 30.

⁵³ Tobler is referring to the "Estimate of the Public Debt" in the periodically published Tax Act. The Tax Acts are listed in Richard P. Morgan, comp., *A Preliminary Bibliography of South Carolina Imprints, 1731-1800* (Clemson, [1966?]).

<i>Ship</i>	<i>Guns</i>	<i>Captain</i>	<i>Lieutenant</i>	<i>Arrived station</i>	<i>Left station</i>
<i>Flamborough</i>	20	John Hildesley	Humphrey Haycock	5 Oct. 1719	14 July 1721
<i>Blandford</i>	20	William Martin	Richard Stephens	8 June 1721	6 Sept. 1724
<i>Scarborough</i>	20	George Anson (William Boutflower)	Charles Fanshawe	10 June 1724	27 July 1728
<i>Shark</i>	14	George Sclater	John Jackson	13 Aug. 1725	23 June 1727
<i>Fox</i>	20	Thomas Arnold	William Boutflower (Francis Wakeman)	9 June 1728	4 May 1732
<i>Guarland</i>	20	Daniel Morris DD 12 July 1728 (William Boutflower) (George Anson)	Griffith Deering	8 July 1728	5 June 1730
<i>Alborough</i> (Surveying)	20	John Gascoigne	James Gascoigne	29 Nov. 1728	7 May 1734
<i>Happy</i> (Surveying)	10/16	William Douglas (James Lloyd)	William Bodenham (Ashby Utting) (Roger Lownds)	29 Nov. 1728	12 May 1735
<i>Lowestoft</i>	20	Matthew Norris	William Chambers	20 June 1730	16 Nov. 1731 (to New York)
<i>Cruiser</i>	10	Thomas Billop		21 Oct. 1730	5 Apr. 1731 (to Jamaica)
<i>Fox</i>	20	Thomas Arnold	Francis Wakeman	14 Dec. 1730	25 June 1732
<i>Solebay</i>	20	Peter Warren	John Ambrose	26 Dec. 1731 (from N. Y.)	25 June 1732
<i>Squirrel</i>	20	George Anson	Hon. Henry Scott (Ashby Utting)	18 June 1732	17 May 1735
<i>Shark</i> (Bahamas)	8/2	Richard Symonds	Richard Collins (Francis Mohun)	29 Nov. 1733	18 June 1739
<i>Rose</i>	20	Charles Windham	John Crookshank	3 Apr. 1734	6 July 1738

<i>Ship</i>	<i>Guns</i>	<i>Captain</i>	<i>Lieutenant</i>	<i>Arrived station</i>	<i>Left station</i>
<i>Hawk</i> (Georgia)	6/10	James Gascoigne (John Nevinson)	Adrian Moore	1735	1738
<i>Seaford</i>	20	Hon. Henry Scott (Lord Deloraine)	George Rosbie	1 Oct. 1737	10 Oct. 1739
<i>Phoenix</i>	20	Charles Fanshawe	Richard Tiddeman	5 May 1738	22 Feb. 1742
<i>Spence</i> (Bahamas)	6/10	William Laws	Edward Hopkins	11 Oct. 1738	16 Jan. 1741
<i>Tartar</i>	20	Hon. George Townsend	Matthew Buckle	12 Sept. 1739	17 Oct. 1741
<i>Rose</i> (Bahamas)	24	Thomas Frankland	John Bray (James Allan) (John Payne)	3 Mar. 1741	1 June 1745
<i>Rye</i>	24	Charles Hardy	Edward Keller (William Mainwaring)	15 Jan. 1742	7 Feb. 1744
<i>Flamborough</i>	24	Joseph Hamar	William Mainwaring (Charles Henley)	8 Feb. 1742	1 June 1745
<i>Swift</i> (North Carolina)	12/12	William Bladwell		14 Feb. 1742	23 Nov. 1743
<i>Hawk</i>	10/12	Henry Bruce DD 12 June 1742 (Edward Keller) (Arthur Forrest)	Thomas Churchill	2 Mar. 1742	4 Nov. 1742
<i>Shoreham</i>	32	Thomas Brodrick	Alexander Campbell	24 Nov. 1743 13 Oct. 1742 (from Jamaica)	4 Dec. 1743 3 Nov. 1742 (to Jamaica)
<i>Spy</i>	8/12	James Newnan	Thomas Trenwith	13 Oct. 1742 (from Jamaica)	20 Sept. 1744
<i>Loo</i>	44	Ashby Utting	Warren Belitha James Randell William Farmor (William Lloyd)	18 Oct. 1743	5 Feb. 1744 (wrecked)

<i>Tartar</i>	20	Henry Ward	Peter Robertson (John Hamilton)	17 Dec. 1743	3 Nov. 1746
<i>Swallow</i>	10	Andrew Jelfe	Richard Roberts	1744	24 Dec. 1744 (wrecked)
<i>Alborough</i>	24	Ashby Utting DD 7 Jan. 1746 (Peter Robertson) (Michael Everitt) (Thomas Innes) (George Darby)	Matthew Wallis	26 May 1745	7 May 1749
<i>Adventure</i>	44	Joseph Hamam	Thomas Hallum Charles Henley Hugh Mackay (Samuel Gambier)	18 Sept. 1747	19 Mar. 1748
<i>Rye</i>	24	Charles Wray	John Randall (James Read) (John Southcott)	8 May 1748 (from Jamaica)	21 Nov. 1750
<i>Arundel</i>	24	John Reynolds	Michael Kearney (John Randall) (James Reid)	9 Aug. 1748	10 May 1751
<i>Glasgow</i>	24	John Lloyd DD Sept. 1748 (Thomas Hallum)	Humphrey Sainthill	14 Sept. 1748 (from Virginia)	11 Oct. 1748
<i>Otter</i>	10/14	John Ballett DD 7 May 1749 (Michael Kearney)	Thomas Spurling	1 Mar. 1749 (from N. Y.)	10 May 1750 (to Jamaica)
<i>Scorpion</i> (North Carolina)	10/14	Elias Bate (John Randall) (John Russell) DD 22 Dec. 1752 (William Wilkins)	Littleton Hill DD. 3 Dec. 1751 (William Wilkins) (David Schuckforth)	22 June 1750	18 Apr. 1753

<i>Ship</i>	<i>Guns</i>	<i>Captain</i>	<i>Lieutenant</i>	<i>Arrived station</i>	<i>Left station</i>
<i>Hornet</i>	10/14	John Holwall (James John Purcell)	James John Purcell (John Drummond)	30 June 1750 (from West Indies)	19 Dec. 1753
<i>Mermaid</i>	24	Edward Keller DD. 10 Sept. 1750 (Elias Bate) DD. 26 May 1752 (John Holwall)	Frederick Booth DD. 31 Oct. 1751 (Francis Grant)	12 Aug. 1750	3 June 1753
<i>Shoreham</i>	24	Julian Legge (William Marsh)	Charles Ellys (Henry Richard Dubois)	28 July 1753 (from Antigua)	21 Feb. 1755 (to Jamaica)
<i>Jamaica</i> (Bahamas)	10/14	Thomas Riggs DD. 11 Feb. 1754 (Samuel Hood) (Samuel Thompson) (Henry Richard Dubois)	Stephen Sargent (Archibald Cleveland)	14 Sept. 1753	7 Sept. 1757
<i>Baltimore</i>	10/14	Coll Macdonald DD. 8 Sept. 1753 (Henry Richard Dubois) (William Charles Ellis) (John Ommaney) (Maurice Suckling) (Thomas Owen)	Henry Richard Dubois (Charles Roche) (James Reid) (Charles Tyler)	17 Sept. 1753	6 May 1757
<i>Port Mahon</i>	24	Robert Hughes	Robert Bond	28 Oct. 1754	8 Nov. 1754 (to West Indies)
<i>Syren</i>	24	Charles Proby	William Allen	15 Nov. 1755	14 May 1756
<i>Winchilsea</i>	24	John Hale	Francis Swainston (William Grant)	1 June 1756	Aug. 1758

<i>Falkland</i>	50	Francis Samuel Drake	Alexander McCartie Robert Gideon John Anglier William Clarke	28 Aug. 1757	11 Sept. 1757
<i>Port Mahon</i>	24	Samuel Wallis		5 Nov. 1757	25 May 1758 (to Halifax)
<i>Nightingale</i>	24	James Campbell	Richard Rodney Bligh	12 Feb. 1758 (from Halifax)	25 May 1758 (to Halifax)
<i>Penguin</i>	24	Robert Man	William Teague	13 May 1758	28 Feb. 1759
<i>Surprise</i>	24	Charles Antrobus	Samuel Swinton	15 May 1758	28 Feb. 1759
<i>Zephir</i> (North Carolina)	10/12	William Greenwood	Robert Dundas (Nicholas Mejnerykeny) (John Stewart)	20 June 1758	11 Jan. 1762 (to West Indies)
<i>Scarborough</i>	20	John Stott	Alexander Kirkwood (William Wilson)	3 Nov. 1758	31 May 1761
<i>Hunter</i> (Bahamas)	10/14	William Adams	Samuel Ferrier	10 Dec. 1758 (from Halifax)	11 Apr. 1759
<i>Success</i>	24	Paul Henry Ourry	Thomas Piercy	1 Apr. 1759	23 May 1759
<i>Mermaid</i>	24	James Hackman	James Middlehurst	1 Apr. 1759	23 May 1759
<i>Trent</i>	28	John Lindsay	Patrick Leslie (John Lindsay)	23 Oct. 1759 (from Canada)	6 Apr. 1760
<i>Mermaid</i>	24	James Hackman	James Middlehurst	11 Nov. 1759	2 Jan. 1760 (wrecked)
<i>Albany</i>	14/14	John Jervis	Thomas Dyson	2 Apr. 1760 (from N. Y.)	6 Apr. 1760
<i>Mercury</i>	24	John Faulknor	John Knowle	1 Nov. 1760	23 Feb. 1761
<i>Dolphin</i>	24	Benjamin Marlow	David Chandler	23 Dec. 1760	22 June 1761
<i>Nightingale</i> (North Carolina)	24	James Campbell	Richard Rodney Bligh (David Pryce Cumby)	7 Jan. 1761 (from N. Y.)	7 Feb. 1762 (to West Indies)
<i>Success</i>	24	George Watson	Thomas Piercy	10 Mar. 1761	30 May 1761
<i>Dolphin</i>	24	Robert Keeler	Archibald Dow	6 Jan. 1762	9 Mar. 1762

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<i>Bonetta</i>	10	Lancelot Holmes (John Corey)	Thomas Hazleden (Stephen Sandys)	21 Mar. 1762	11 Dec. 1763
<i>Success</i>	20	John Botterell	Barnard Fenwick	15 Aug. 1762	10 Dec. 1763
<i>Epreuve</i>	14	Peter Blake	William Grant	24 Aug. 1762	1763
<i>Mercury</i>	24	Samuel Cranston Goodall	Charles Prince	18 Nov. 1762	2 Feb. 1764
<i>Nightingale</i>	24	Lord William Campbell	George Newton	(from Havana) 9 Feb. 1763	28 Apr. 1763
<i>Tryal</i>	14	James Wallace	John West (Alexander Fordyce)	7 Aug. 1763	24 July 1766
<i>Hornet</i> (North Carolina)	14	Jeremiah Morgan	Edward Columbine	27 Sept. 1763	20 Dec. 1767
<i>Speedwell</i>	8	Robert Fanshawe	Savage Trotter	14 Oct. 1763	24 July 1766
<i>Viper</i>	10	Jacob Lobb	Thomas Whitehurst (Richard Lobb) (Thomas Lloyd)	23 Oct. 1763	10 July 1766
<i>Escorte</i>	14	Thomas Foley	John Wright (Joshua Luvis)	7 Jan. 1764	17 June 1767
<i>Sardoine</i>	14	James Hawker	George Towers (Norris Thompson)	25 July 1766 (from N. J.)	22 Nov. 1767
<i>Chaleur</i> (Florida and Bahamas)	Schooner	Lieutenant Thomas Laugharne		1 Nov. 1766 (from Halifax)	1 June 1768 (to Halifax)
<i>Cygnat</i>	18	Philip Durell	Charles Thompson	1 July 1767 (from West Indies)	14 July 1768
<i>Fowey</i>	24	Mark Robinson	George Robertson	28 Oct. 1767	22 Jan. 1771
<i>Martin</i> (North Carolina)	14	Thomas Hayward	James Godwin (Peter Rothe) (Hon. John Tollemache) (John Holloway)	25 Nov. 1767	21 Oct. 1771

<i>Bonetta</i> (Florida and Bahamas)	10	James Wallace (Mathew Squire)	Daniel Butler (William Boys)	26 Nov. 1767	9 May 1772
<i>Viper</i>	10	Robert Linzee (Thomas Porter)	Thomas Lloyd (Michael John Everitt)	17 Apr. 1769	6 Sept. 1771
<i>Tryall</i>	14	William Phillips	William Moore (John Maude)	9 Oct. 1769	6 Nov. 1769 (to West Indies)
<i>St. Lawrence</i> (Florida and Bahamas)	Schooner	Lieutenant Ralph Dundas		9 Nov. 1769 (from Halifax)	3 June 1774
<i>Gibraltar</i>	20	Sir Thomas Rich	Charles Little DD. 10 Sept. 1772 (Henry Dickson) (Charles Everitt)	12 June 1771 (from West Indies)	27 Apr. 1773
<i>Mercury</i>	20	Robert Keeler	Thomas Cadogan (James Montagu)	31 Aug. 1771	8 May 1772
<i>Kingfisher</i> (North Carolina)	14	Thomas Jordan (Jacob Lobb) DD. 20 Feb. 1773 (Joseph Peyton) (George Montagu)	Robert Nicholas (John Brown) (Joseph Peyton) (John Winter) (John Wainwright)	11 Nov. 1771	19 May 1773 (to Halifax)
<i>Tamar</i> (North Carolina)	16	Charles Hay DD. 17 Mar. 1773 (John Crosse) DD. 10 Aug. 1773 (Joseph Peyton) (James Montagu) (Edward Thornborough)	John Wainwright (Joseph Peyton) (Walter Longford) (Joseph Peyton)	5 May 1772 (from Boston)	30 Mar. 1776 (to Halifax)
<i>Savage</i> (Florida and Bahamas)	8	Hugh Bromedge	John Brown (Christopher Ratsey) (Walter Griffith)	7 Nov. 1772	4 May 1774
<i>Glasgow</i>	20	William Maltby	Faithful Adrian Fortescue DD. 21 Mar. 1774 (Lawrence Gillespie) (William Augustus Merrick)	29 Oct. 1773 (from Halifax)	19 Sept. 1774 (to Halifax)

"THE GRAND FABRIC OF REPUBLICANISM"
A SCOTSMAN DESCRIBES SOUTH CAROLINA
1810-1811

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On October 12, 1810 a Scotsman named J. B. Dunlop arrived in Charleston harbor to begin his second tour of the "Western World." With the exception of a short trip to Georgia, Dunlop remained in South Carolina until June 1811 and then traveled north through Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York, New England, and Canada. He brought his American journey to an end in November 1811, when he sailed from New York City to Cuba. Throughout his travels, Dunlop recorded his impressions of America and Americans in an extensive and detailed diary. Other than the little personal information that can be gleaned from his journal, nothing is known of Dunlop, his early career, or his later years. The diary itself is now preserved in the manuscript collection of the New-York Historical Society.

Dunlop's travel account is extremely rich in contemporary observation and, despite obvious biases and prejudices, provides some important raw material for the historians of early America. The portion of the diary which describes South Carolina is especially interesting and valuable. The traveler's sharp eye details distinctive features of city, plantation, and backcountry. Geography, agriculture, commerce, architecture, public institutions, politics, religion—all these and more come under the scrutiny of the visiting Scotsman. Since he was not writing for publication, Dunlop vented his opinions fully and without hesitation. He castigated particularly democracy and dueling, emotional religion and emotional politics, and the vices and idle amusements of the Carolina aristocracy. Yet he also found room for praise.

Although two other portions of the Dunlop diary have been published,¹ this segment of the manuscript now appears in print for the first time. It is published with the permission of the New-York His-

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¹ See David H. Wallace, ed., "From the Windows of the Mail Coach: A Scotsman Looks at New York State in 1811," *New-York Historical Society Quarterly*, XL (July 1956), 264-296; Raymond A. Mohl, ed., "A Scotsman Visits Georgia in 1811: A Newly Discovered Travel Account," *Georgia Historical Quarterly*, forthcoming.