

The Order for Morning Prayer

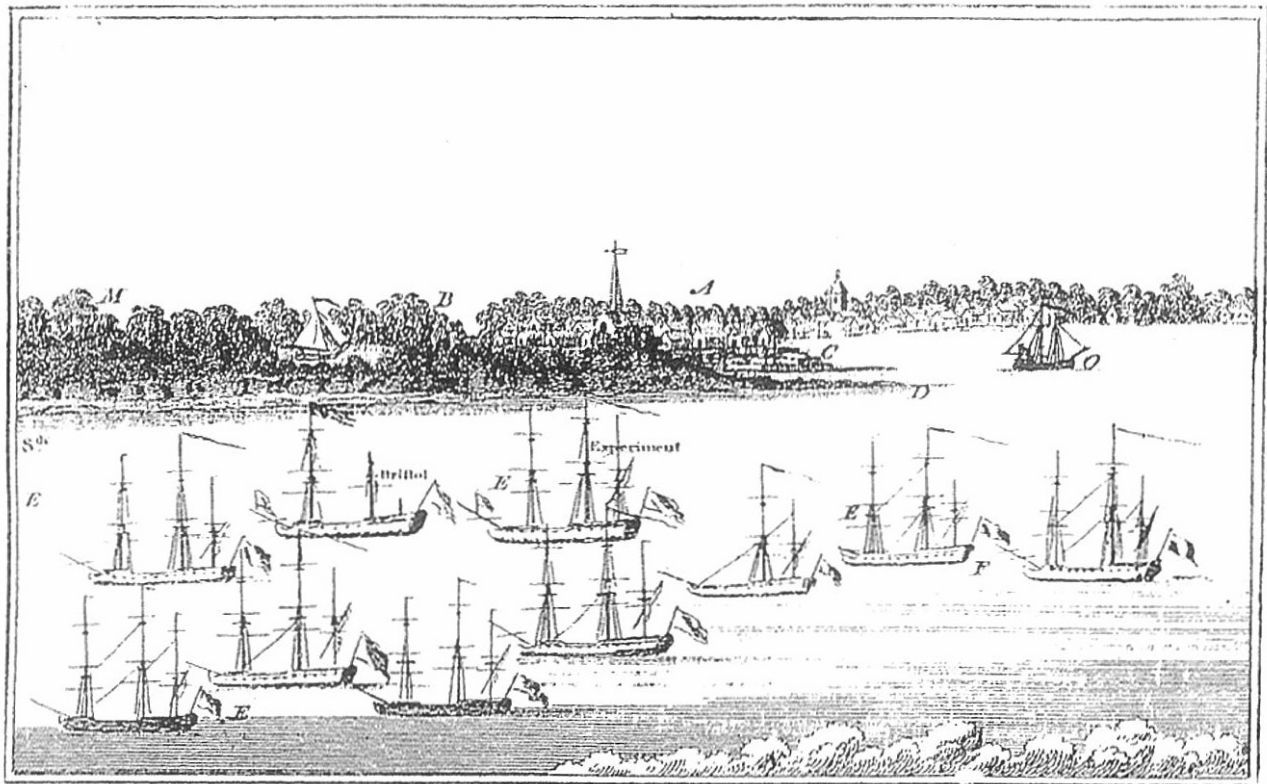
According to the 1662 Book of Common Prayer

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Historical Documents Commemorating

The Battle of Sullivan's Island

June 28, 1776



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Carolina Day

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St. Michael's Church

Charleston, South Carolina

Cover Illustration: Battle of Sullivan's Island

From the diary of Captain Barnard Elliott

28 June 1776

Ten minutes before eleven o'clock this morning the bomb ship threw a bomb of 13 inches diameter into Fort Sullivan's which fell upon the magazine there, but did no inconsiderable damage; at the same time the Bristol of 50 guns, the Experiment of 51 guns, the Syren of 28, the Aceton of 28, Sphynx of 20 guns, the Friendship of 26 guns all weighed anchor and drawing up their course bore down to Fort Sullivan's. The fort fired as soon as the two 50 gun ships came within distance, and the Syren, which three made the first line, they immediately dropt anchor with springs on their cables, and began a smart cannonade which was returned with coolness and deliberation from the fort; the second line of frigates supported the first and an incessant fire was kept up till eleven o'clock at night, when the ships as well as the fort ceased firing, the first because they were much shattered and the following numbers killed and wounded. Bristol, on board of which was Sir Peter Parker, Commodore, lost her Captain's arm, 44 killed and wounded, and all the masts tore to splinters, and she prodigiously hulled. The Experiment had 57 killed and 30 wounded, and her Captain killed. Aceton had her first lieutenant killed and one marine's eye and cheek shot away. Solbay, Capt. Hunt, 2 killed and 4 wounded, Aceton run on shore. Sphynx lost her bowsprit and otherwise much damaged. The Shinder bomb beds were shattered and she unfit to continue the bombardment, and the latter because they had no more powder. The loss at the fort was but ten men killed and 22 wounded. So wonderfully did God appear in our behalf, that the men of war cut their cables in the dead of night and stole away to refit.

The Order for Morning Prayer

Daily Throughout the Year

According to the 1662 Book of Common Prayer

Prelude

Voluntary in A minor M. Greene

Processional Hymn, *standing*

How Firm a Foundation Hymn 637

1. *How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?*
2. *"Fear not, I am with thee; I call thee to go,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*
3. *"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.*
4. *"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.*
5. *"The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."*

At the beginning of Morning Prayer the Minister shall read with a loud voice some one or more of these Sentences of the Scriptures that follow. And then he shall say that which is written after the said Sentences.

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him; neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws which he set before us.

Daniel ix. 9, 10.

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us, in sundry places, to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought, at all times, humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, kneeling and saying with me;

A general Confession to be said of the whole Congregation with the Minister, all kneeling.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Absolution or Remission of sins to be pronounced by the Priest alone, standing: the people still kneeling.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The people shall answer here, and at the end of all other prayers, Amen.

Then shall the Minister say:

O Lord, open thou our lips.

Answer. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Priest. O God, make speed to save us.

Answer. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Here, all standing up, the Priest shall say,

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Priest. Praise ye the Lord.

Answer. The Lord's Name be praised.

Then shall be said this Psalm, all standing.

Psalm 145. *Exaltabo te, Deus*

1. *I will magnify thee, O God, my King; * and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.*
2. *Every day will I give thanks unto thee; * and praise thy Name for ever and ever.*
3. *Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy to be praised; * there is no end of his greatness.*
4. *One generation shall praise thy works unto another; * and declare thy power.*
5. *As for me, I will be talking of thy worship; * thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works;*
6. *So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts; * and I will also tell of thy greatness.*
7. *The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be shewed; * and men shall sing of thy righteousness.*
8. *The Lord is gracious and merciful; * long-suffering and of great goodness.*
9. *The Lord is loving unto every man; * and his mercy is over all his works.*

And at the end of every Psalm throughout the year shall be repeated,

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Hymn, standing

My Country, 'Tis of Thee Hymn 717

1. *My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty,
of thee I sing;
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride,
from every mountainside
let freedom ring.*
2. *My native country, thee, land of the noble free,
thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills;
my heart with rapture thrills
like that above.*
3. *Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees
sweet freedom's song;
let mortal tongues awake, let all that breathe partake,
let rocks their silence break,
the sound prolong.*
4. *Our fathers' God, in thee, author of liberty,
to thee we sing;
long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
protect us by thy might,
great God our King.*

Carolina Day Welcome

Mr. P. Cooper Coker IV
Chairman, Palmetto Society

Then shall be read distinctly with an audible voice the First Lesson, taken out of the Old Testament, as is appointed in the calendar, except there be proper Lessons assigned for that day: He that readeth so standing and turning himself, as he may best be heard of all such as are present. Note, that before every Lesson the Minister shall say, Here beginneth such a Chapter, or Verse of such a Chapter, of such a Book: And after every Lesson, here endeth the First, or the Second Lesson. (seated)

For the LORD your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward: He doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment. Love ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt. Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God; him shalt thou serve, and to him shalt thou cleave, and swear by his name. He is thy praise, and he is thy God, that hath done for thee these great and terrible things, which thine eyes have seen.

~ Deuteronomy 10:17-21

Hymn, standing

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies Hymn 719

1. *O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above a fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.*
2. *O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.*
3. *O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.*

Then shall be read in like manner the Second Lesson, taken out of the New Testament (seated).

By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should later receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised. Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable. These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one: wherefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

~ Hebrews 11:8-16

Homily

The Rev. Aaron Schnupp

Hymn, standing

Faith of Our Fathers Hymn 558

1. *Faith of our fathers! Living still
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy,
whene'er we hear that glorious word:
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.*
2. *Faith of our fathers! faith and prayer
shall win all nations unto thee;
and through the truth that comes from God,
mankind shall then indeed be free.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.*
3. *Faith of our fathers! we will love
both friend and foe in all our strife:
and preach thee, too, as love knows how,
by kindly deeds and virtuous life.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.*

Then shall be said the Apostles' Creed, by the Minister and the people standing.

IBELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

And after that, these Prayers following, all devoutly kneeling: the Minister first pronouncing with a loud voice,

The Lord be with you.
Answer. And with thy spirit.
Minister. Let us pray.
Minister. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Answer. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Minister. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Then the Minister, Clerks, and people shall say the Lord's Prayer with a loud voice.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Then the Priest standing up shall say,

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
Answer. And grant us thy salvation.
Priest. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
Answer. And make thy chosen people joyful.
Priest. O Lord, save thy people.
Answer. And bless thine inheritance.
Priest. Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Answer. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
Priest. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Answer. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Then shall follow the Collects; the first of the day; The second for Peace; The third for Aid against all Perils.

The Collect (Prayer) for the Day.

LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant, we beseech thee, that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain these liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Second Collect for Peace.

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils.

O LORD, our HEAVENLY Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, so to do always what is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* 2 Corinthians xiii.
Here endeth the Order of Morning Prayer.

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn, standing

The offering received will be used to help defray expenses of the commemoration.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Hymn 390

1. *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
join the great throng,
psaltery, organ and song,
sounding in glad adoration.*
2. *Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth:
borne as on eagle wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen
how all thou needest hath been
granted in what he ordaineth?*
3. *Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
who with his love doth befriend thee.*
4. *Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the amen
sound from his people again;
gladly for ever adore him.*

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayers and Blessing

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

*The flowers are given by the Palmetto Society
to the Glory of God and in memory of all American patriots.*

1. *O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
what so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
o'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?*
2. *O thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
between their loved homes and the war's desolation!
Blest with victory and peace, may the heaven-rescued land
praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
and this be our motto, "In God is our trust."
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!*

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world
Response: *rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.*

Postlude

Fugue in D major W. Selby

Service Participants

Preacher:	The Rev. Aaron Schnupp
Officiant:	The Rev. Al Zadig, Jr.
Crucifer:	Dr. D. Michael Hull
Lay Readers:	Mr. T. Heyward M. Hamilton Mrs. Margaret von Werssowetz
Ushers:	Mr. Philip E. Graham Mr. G. Harris Jordan Col. Gregory H. Kitchens Mr. Chris Sosnowski Mr. Jon Thornton Mr. Michael Walker
Vergers:	Mrs. Sallie Storen
Organist:	Mrs. Ann Hood
Tower Bells:	The St. Michael's Tower Bell Band

Members of the Palmetto Society of Charleston

Officers: Mr. P. Cooper Coker IV, Chairman
Mr. T. Heyward Hamilton, Vice Chairman (Society of the Cincinnati)
Mr. David B. McCormack (at large), Secretary
Mrs. Ann Rascoe, Treasurer (at large)

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The Palmetto Society

The Palmetto Society was founded in May of 1777 with the dual mission of sponsoring the annual commemoration of the 28th of June and of giving relief to widows and children of Revolutionary War soldiers. The original members were ardent Sons of Liberty and were passionately devoted to the Patriot cause.

Today, the independent Palmetto Society consists largely of members of those organizations sponsoring today's Carolina Day celebration and several "at large" citizens interested in Revolutionary heritage. They represent the Society of the Cincinnati, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Society of the Colonial Wars, the Society of the Colonial Dames, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the South Carolina Historical Society and the Fort Moultrie Division of the Fort Sumter National Monument.

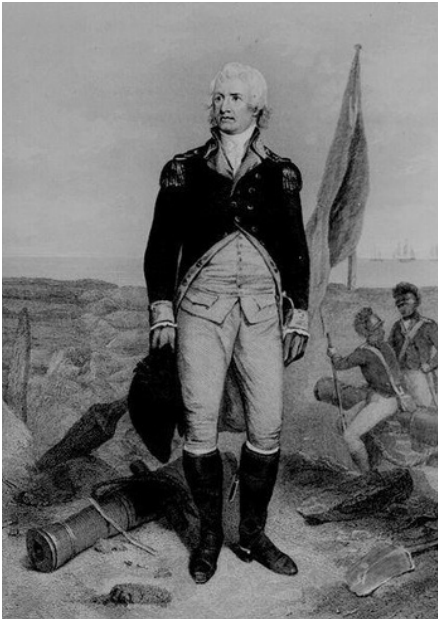
Sergeant William Jasper (1750 – 1779)



The hail of British shot and the hot sun pounded the defenders of Sullivan's Island on that June day of 1776. As the 271 guns poured into the fort, one shot took down the tall flag post bearing a blue flag with a white crescent. All day it had waved defiantly at the onslaught and let observers watching from the roofs in Charleston know that their men still held the English at bay. When it fell, so also did the hopes of a multitude of citizens.

One man was not to let it lie on the hot sand for long. William Jasper, a Georgian, was recruited to serve with the Second South Carolina by Francis Marion. He was quickly advanced to sergeant by superiors who recognized in him a character well adapted for a martial career. Well-respected by his men, he was proving himself to be a hard fighter when the flag pole was shot down. "Colonel, don't let us fight without our flag!" shouted Jasper. "How can you help it? The staff is gone," Moultrie replied. Without another word, the sergeant then jumped out of the fort, in the face of deadly fire, walked the entire length in full view of the British, and then cut the flag from its pole. Climbing the wall, he called for a sponge-staff, to which he fastened the flag and planted it in the wall. Turning to his enemy, he then gave three cheers and returned to his gun. The men were electrified and the townspeople's hope surged up again.

For his feat, President John Rutledge presented Jasper with his dress sword at a review held soon after the battle and offered him a commission. Jasper turned this down, instead preferring to serve as a scout for the American forces. General Moultrie described Jasper as a "Brave, active, stout, strong, enterprising man and a very great partizan: who was a master of disguise. He made several trips into enemy lines, always returning with valuable information. Tragically, Jasper died at Savannah in 1779 while planting the colors of the Second Carolina on the British lines. He was buried somewhere near the scene of the battle in a mass grave with many of his comrades.



Major General William Moultrie (1730 – 1805)

During the Battle of Sullivan’s Island, then, Col. Moultrie commanded the Second Regiment, South Carolina Continental Line. He was an original member and first president of the Society of the Cincinnati of the State of South Carolina (1783-1805). He commanded the American forces at Fort Sullivan on the 28th June 1776 who defeated the British Navy under Admiral Sir Peter Parker as they attempted to capture Charleston in the first decisive land and sea battle of the Revolutionary War. He was promoted to brigadier general and received official thanks of the Continental Congress for his gallant conduct. The state renamed the fort in his honor. He defeated the British at Battle of Port Royal Island and thwarted their drive on Charleston in 1779. He was imprisoned 1780-1782, then exchanged. His 40 years of public service included two terms as governor of South Carolina.

Colonel William “Danger” Thomson (1729 – 1796)

William “Danger” Thomson was a prominent citizen-soldier from Fort Motte in Orangeburg District. This distinguished planter served 15 terms in the legislature and built a sterling reputation as a military leader. When South Carolina formed three regiments to support the Revolution, Thomson was appointed lieutenant colonel — commandant of the Third Regiment (Rangers). He recruited the best riflemen in the backcountry and was considered the best marksman of all. His rangers were mounted riflemen whose caps were inscribed “Liberty or Death.” They were joined at Breach Inlet by a diverse collection of patriot militia and state troops from throughout South Carolina, artillerymen from South Carolina’s Fourth Regiment, Continentals from North Carolina and Virginia, and Catawba Indian warriors. (Credit: Doug MacIntyre)

When the British attempted to retake Charles Town in 1776, recently promoted Col. Thomson was assigned to block the land attack by 3,000 British under Major General Henry Clinton and Lord Charles Cornwallis. Thomson’s 780 patriots defeated the attack by the British army at Breach Inlet, protecting the incomplete palmetto fort from being flanked. In response to commendation by the Continental Congress, Thomson wrote to John Hancock “...my life and fortune are devoted to the Cause of the thirteen United States of America & to the general propagation of Liberty.”

After the Battle of Sullivan’s Island, William Thomson’s Third Regiment served in the Battle of Savannah, and the Siege of Charles Town. Col. Thomson was captured after the fall of Charles Town in 1780 and was twice imprisoned in the Provost Dungeon of the Exchange Building. He was later released in a prisoner exchange and returned to service as an advisor to Gen. Nathanael Greene in the successful campaign to drive the British forces out of the Carolinas.

Excerpts from the Memoirs of Col. William Moultrie,

**being messages received from Major General Charles Lee
just before and during the Battle of Sullivan's Island.**

Charlestown, June the 23d, 5 o'clock.

Sir, I Have sent Capt. Cochran (a very active man) to your Island, to devise the means of establishing a second communication with the continent: Pritchard's flat, he says is already at the Island: Mulenburg's regiment will be here to night, we shall be then very strong: I will be down with you tomorrow with a body of workmen, and put you, I hope, in a state of great security. Upon the whole, I think you will be safe, if your people do their duty: There can be nothing to fear to night: I hope your garrison will remain in spirits: on my part, I promise ever attention. . . and am, with the greatest truth, yours, Charles Lee. To Col. Moultrie.

Charlestown, June the 25th, 1776.

Sir, The gentleman that delivers you this letter, is Baron Massenbourg, one of the continental engineers. I desire you will furnish him with the number of workmen, and with every material he may require to carry on his works. I am, sir, your most obedient humble servant. Charles Lee.

To Col. Moultrie, Sullivan's Island.

Sir, I have sent you the carpenter; it is your fault if he escapes again: keep a guard over him: send the express boat back immediately. Yours, Charles Lee. P.S. Finish the bridge. To Col. Moultrie.

Charlestown, June the 27th, 1776.

Dear Sir, Could you not contrive this night to take up the enemy's buoys? I have ordered Gen. Armstrong to send an hundred volunteers to ease Col. Thompson's regiment of their heavy duty, for I find, that a part of Col. Horry's regiment had most magnanimously refused to take this duty on them: We shall live I hope to thank them . . . I am in hopes your bridge will be finished this night; you can then be reinforced at pleasure. I am, dear sir, your, Charles Lee. To Col. Moultrie.

Charlestown, June the 27th, 1776.

Dear Sir, Some boats will possibly pass by you to night from town on a scouting expedition, before 12 o'clock at night, their orders are to intercept some of the enemy's boats, and gain some important intelligence: I must desire, therefore, that you enjoin the whole sentinels on our Island not to challenge any boats passing from town, or to fire upon them, which would defeat the whole scheme; in their return, if they meet with any success, they shall have orders to greet you with two cheers; and if the wind or tide is against their return to town, they will put into your post, and remain with you this night: I hope your bridge is finished, as I intend to reinforce you considerably. Yours, Charles Lee. To Co. Moultrie.

Point Haddrell, June the 28th, 1776

Dear Colonel, If you should unfortunately expend your ammunition without beating off the enemy or driving them on ground, spike your guns and retreat with all the order possible: but I know you will be careful not to throw away your ammunition. Charles Lee, Major General. To. Col. Moultrie.

June 28th, 6 o'clock, A. M.

Dear Col, I Shall send you immediately a reinforcement. If the bridge cannot be finished without taking down the old . . . take it down without ceremony, but it would be better to have both. Yours, Charles Lee. To Col. Moultrie. This letter was written to me during the action.

Armstrong's June 28th 3 o'clock P. M.

Dear Col, Mr. Byrd makes reports of your conduct which does you infinite honor; they are indeed such as I expected. I have sent for more ammunition for you, and ordered a large corps of riflemen to reinforce Co. Thompson. Yours, Charles Lee. To. Col. Moultrie.

The following letter from president Rutledge, wrote with a pencil on a small slip of paper, was sent in the height of the engagement.

June 28th.

Dear Sir, I Send you 500 pounds of powder. I should think you may be supplied well from Haddrell's . . . You know our collection is not very great. Honor and Victory, my good sir, to you, and our worthy countrymen with you. Yours, J. Rutledge. P. S. Do not make too free with your cannon. Cool and do mischief.

Charlestown, June 29th, 9 o'clock.

Dear Col., I Should have thanked you and your brave garrison this morning, vis-à-vis at the fort . . . but am prevented by a great deal of business. I do most heartily thank you all and shall do you justice in my letters to congress. I have applied for some rum for your men. They deserve every comfort that can be afforded them We have sent for more powder, inform me of all your wants. I am, dear Col. Yours, Charles Lee. P. S. the General desires that Col. Thompson will send as soon as he can, a return of all occurrences in his part of the Island. J. S. Sec'ry. To Col. Moultrie.

St. Michael's Patriots

Pierce Butler, "of County Carlow, Ireland, Major of the 29th regt. British Army resigned 1773. Married the daughter of Thomas Middleton, Esq. of S.C. Died June 1822 Buried at Christ Church Philadelphia., Member of the Continental Congress, Signer of the Constitution of the U.S. Senator from 1789-1791. 1793-1796. 1802-1806 resigned." Louis DeSaussure: Officer in the Third Regiment, SC Continental Line, "Whilst leading his Soldiers to the assault made by General Lincoln on the British lines at Savannah, on the 9th of October, 1779 he received a wound from a musket shot of which he died a few days, aged 34 years. His body was brought home to his afflicted friends, and Interred in the Cemetery of this Church."

General Charles Cotesworth Pinckney 25 February 1746-16 August 1825 "One of the Founders of the American Republic, Born February 25, 1746, Charleston Officer of the Continental Army 1775, Prisoner of War 1780-82, Delegate to the Constitutional Convention 1787 Signatory to the United States Constitution Minister to France during the XYZ Affair 1796 "Millions for defense not a cent for tribute" First President of the Charleston Bible Society 1810.

Dr. William Read, "Deputy Surgeon General in the Army, under the immediate eye of George Washington; He had the high satisfaction of attracting the personal regard, and winning the approbation of the Father of his country" Captain Manuel Anthonio Died 12 August, 1796 age 57.

Captain Evan Evanson "who departed this Life December 26th 1784 Etatis 58 He lived and died an honest man."

Captain Wm. Benton Foster "Late commander of the ship Bunter who departed this life February 27, 1811 Aged 50 years."

Major General Mordecai Gist "22 February 1742, 2 August 1792. While in command of the First Maryland Battalion, he so valiantly covered the retreat of the American Forces at the Battle of Long Island Aug. 1776 that his troops became known as the 'The Bayonets of the Revolution'." Daniel Hall "who departed this life the 6th April, 1811 in his sixty fourth year" Daniel Hall died April 6, 1811 In the 74th year of his age."

Colonel William Lee 21 June, 1747- 29 Nov. 1803, Captain of the True Blue Company of Militia, Prisoner of War in the Old Exchange and St. Augustine "Omnia Relinquit Severe Republican."

Col. Lewis Morris "he served in the war of '76 The time that tried men's souls. He was aid to General Green And at the battles of Eutaw and Gilford: His good name is the best inheritance Left to his Family. He died at Morrisania, N.Y. 22nd November, 1824. His wife ANN Morris Was a communicant of this Church, her slaves and the poor can tell they have lost their best friend; She died at Morrisania, N.Y. April 29th 1848 age 86."

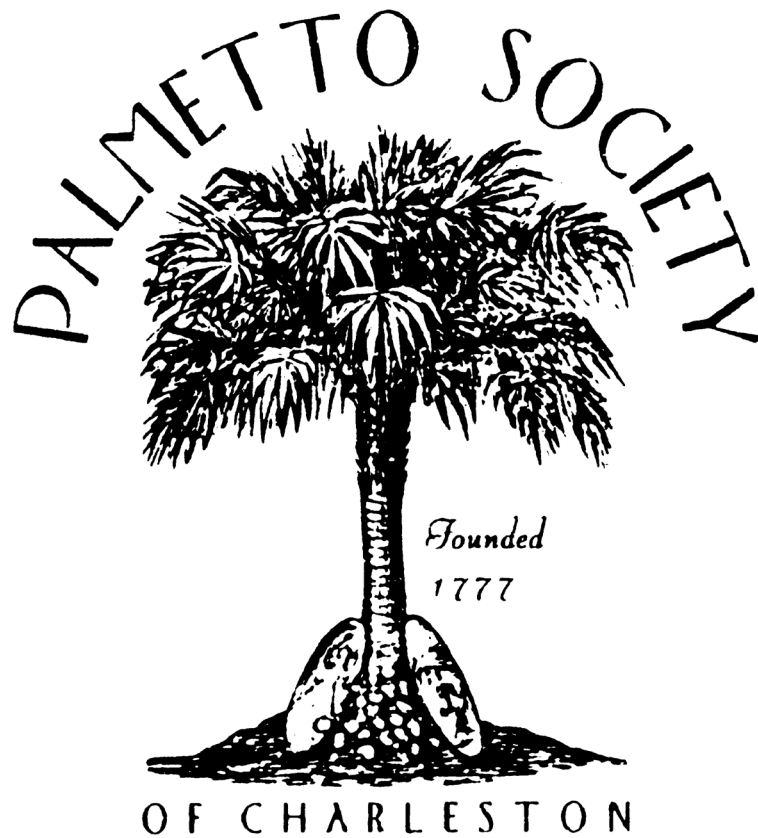
"The Honble. James Parsons, ESQR Late Vice President of the State of South Carolina (under John Rutledge) And Barrister at Law Who when alive was eminently distinguished by His public and private virtues As A Citizen A Husband A Father and a Friend Blessed with a heart that felt, And with a fortune and abilities Ever ready to relieve The miseries and distress of the poor and the unfortunate He was born in Ireland in the year 1724 and departed this life the 1st of October 1779 Aged 55."

"John Rutledge, President of South Carolina, Governor of South Carolina and an architect and Signatory to the Constitution of the United States. Member of the Provincial Assembly Attorney General of South Carolina Delegate to the Stamp Act Congress Chief Justice of South Carolina Chief Justice of the United States of America Born 1739, Christ Church Parish, "on the 18th of July Anno Domini 1800 Departed this life in the 61st year of his age."

Thomas Savage, Esq. Who died the 29th of May, 1786, Aged 47 years and 8 Months, Benevolence Generosity Charity and Patriotism were a few of his many virtues The Exercise of which he preferred. To every Consideration of Private Interest. He was affectionate, Kind & Indulgent, In Friendship Steady & Sincere, In all his transactions Candid & honorable As a Testimony of Sorrowful Remembrance Of a Tender & beloved husband, This Marble was Erected by Mary Elliott Savage." Thomas Savage was among the prominent Charlestonians arrested after the siege of Charleston in 1780, imprisoned in the Old Exchange and transported to St. Augustine Florida John Singleton " departed this life in the 40th year of his age on the 10th of September, 1799." Col. Henry Pendleton Taylor" Born Sept. 16. 1741 Died April 8th. 1832 A bereaved Wife and seven Children with numerous relations and friends lamented his death and cherished the memory of his many Virtues."

General Arnoldus Vanderhorst "departed this life on the 29th of January 1815 Aged 66 years and 10 months."

Joseph Winthrop "who was born 19th June 1757 in New London Conn. and died 26th July 1828 in this City for which he had been for 45 years a worthy and respectable inhabitant."



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