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To the Commissioners
appointed by Act of the Parliament for enquiring into the Losses and
Services of the American Loyalists -
the Memorial of Jane Turner, wife of the late Captain Alex^r Turner who
fell in His Majesty's service in the year 1781 in the month of February
at Williamsburg -
sheweth
that your Memorialist is the wife of the late Capt. Alex^r Turner who
served in the late War under Lord Cornwallis until the month of February
1781 at which time he fell at Williamsburg in South Carolina.

That said Capt. Turner during his life sustained losses to a large
amount particularly his Estate lying in South Carolina consisting of
several large Plantations and settlements as herewith annexed. Also
the many slaves and other Domestic property seized at sundry times and
carried away by the Rebels

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all of which a schedule is hereunto annexed also sundry aids and sup-
plies given at different times for the use of His Majesty's Troops as
mentioned in the Schedule, likewise persecution and for a considerable
time by the Rebels by which and other misfortunes in consequence of the
late War the said Jane Turner and her children are reduced to extreme
distress from a state of opulence.

That your Memorialist's losses can be immediately evidenced by various
persons in Ireland and elsewhere viz. by Col. John Philips late in His
Majesty's service in North America and now of Ballymena County of Antrim
Ireland who can witness with respect to lands, Negroes, Waggons and
teams also by Robert McKeown near Down Patrick Ireland who can testify
of the losses mentioned in the Schedule. Also by Wil^m Wilson

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of Bellymena aforesaid who can testify with respect to Lands,.....
of Houses and so forth.

That your Memorialist therefore prays that her Case may be taken into
yr consideration in order that your Memorialist may be enabled under
your Report to receive such Aid or Relief as her Losses & Services may
be found to deserve

JANE TURNER

June 19th 1789

Schedule of the Losses of Jane Turner
W^o of Captain Alexander Turner

400 acres of land in Craven County Camden District known by the name of Hudds Creek on the Waters of Rocky Creek	£ 200
200 acres on the waters of Jacksons Creek	100
200 D ^o on the Water <u>Eve</u> Camden District	100
A Negro Man taken by the Rebels in 1781	35
A Negro Boy aged 21 years	40
A Negro Boy named Monkey	30
A Negro Man aged 50 years	30
A Negro Wench about 26 years	40
A Negro Girl 6 years old	30
A Negro Girl about 10 yrs old	30
A Negro Girl about 9 years old	30
A Waggon & Team taken by the Rebels	50
A Waggon & Team entered in His Majesty's service under the Command of Lord Cornwallis when (carried over)	

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(brought forward)

lying at Williamsburg before they marched to North Carolina	50
14 fat hogs taken for the use of His Majesty's Troops	14
10 Beeves taken for the use of the King's Troops when Col. Tarleton lay at Lees Old Place	20
Burn ^s & Dest ⁿ 1 dwelling House, Barn, Stable, Out Ho ^s with crop of corn and fodder	250
1 colt (?) with saddle & bridle	30
4 plant ⁿ 36 £, 1 English Mare & Colt 25 £, Tools and plows &c 10£	101
Total	£ 1150

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November 28, 1789

Evidence on the foregoing Memorial of Jane Turner the Memorialist sworn

Memorial & Affidavit read. She swears to the Truth thereof. She says she was incapable of coming to England until the time mentioned in the Affidavit through illness. Her Husband died suddenly without leaving a Will. He left the following children:

William McAlister Turner who is in America.

John Turner who is with Mr. Robert Norris at Liverpool.

She has no papers to produce, they were of loss during the War.

Prop^y

400 Acres in Craven County her husband bought it before his marriage with her. Gave W^m Hood 1100 £ South Carolina currency for it. This was cultivated.

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200 Acres on Jackson Creek Bought she knows not of whom nor does she know for how much. 28 Acres were cultivated.
200 Acres on Wateree.

Her Husband gave 200 £ So Cur^y for this. It was uncultivated.

She swears the whole was confiscated.

Produces the following (Col. Phillips) certificate which is read,
Viz: I certify that the bearer Mrs. Jane Turner of Rocky Creek South Carolina (something seems to be out of order here) a man of a very respectable character. He lost his life in the service of his King and in the defence of the British Government and I know that his property slaves was taken by the Rebels before we left Charleston and from the perfect knowledge I had of the @-named

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Capt. Turner and his wife I must in justice to Truth say that very few persons from Carolina have applied to the Commissioners for support or compensation that is better entitled then Mrs. Turner and her children

(sign) J. Phillips

Carrickfergus)
13 June 1788)

Knox Gordon: I do hereby certify that I knew Mrs. Turner in Carolina Esqr. before her marriage, her husband I did not know but I know Col. Phillips and I do believe what he has certified on the other side hereof to be true.

(signed) Tho. Knox Gordon

MrElder: I do certify that Mrs. Jane Turner late from South Carolina that before the death of her husband named Alex^r Turner who was killed by the Rebel Army he was a true subject

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to His Majesty King George the 3d. I have been at his habitation & seen him and family living in a prosperous way and possessed of a good many Negroes slaves and by information had a large quantity of Land in that country and by all information I can depend upon was confiscated.

(signed) Robert Elder

Sworn before the
21st of May 1789

(signed) Arch^d McCollum J.P.

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She swears that her husband had the sev1 Negroes mentioned in the Schedule and some of them were his property before his marriage - others he got on his marriage with her. She swears that her husband had the several articles of personal property mentioned in the Schedule and that they were lost all on account of his Loyalty.

The house burned down was

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upon the 400 Acre tract. It was burned by the Rebels. The value set on the Land is independent of the Buildings.