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Name: David Oliphant Report of Sick and Wounded at Continental Hospital
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Biographical Note: David Oliphant was born in Scotland in 1720. After studying medicine in Scotland, he immigrated to Charleston, South Carolina in 1747. He was appointed by John Rutledge (the President of South Carolina) to serve as the director of the South Carolina medical department while troops were being raised to fight the British. The Continental Congress in Philadelphia subsequently named him as Director-General of Hospitals of the Southern Department on June 1, 1776. Dr. Oliphant was taken as a prisoner of war during the British siege of Charleston, but was later paroled and exchanged. He returned to his medical practice and his General Assembly seat after being honorably discharged from his military duties in 1783. In 1786, Dr. Oliphant relocated to Newport, Rhode Island, where he practiced medicine until his death in 1805.

Scope and Content Note: The David Oliphant Report of Sick and Wounded at Continental Hospital (1780, 1 item) is a chart made by David Oliphant while he was the Director- General of Hospitals of the Southern Department during the American Revolution. The report accounts for the

number of received, dead, dismissed, and remaining troops at the Continental Hospital (located in Charleston) for the month of March 1780. The report also lists the types of illnesses suffered by the troops. The numbers are reported by regiment, and the report also includes information on prisoners of war treated at the hospital.

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Oliphant, David (1720-1805)

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