

Sumter (Confederate cruiser) payroll

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Biographical/Historical Note

Built in Philadelphia as the *Habana*, the CSS *Sumter* was originally used as a blockade runner in New Orleans. In 1861, she was purchased for use by the Confederate Government. Under the command of Raphael Semmes, she captured a number of Union flag merchant ships off the coasts of Cuba and South America, as well as other locations in the western hemisphere. When her boilers became unfit for use and repairs and supplies could not be obtained, she was sold at public auction at Gibraltar on December 19, 1862. *Sumter* was renamed the *Gibraltar* and worked as a blockade runner from 1862 until 1863. She was reportedly lost at sea in the English Channel in 1867.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of the first payroll of the CSS *Sumter*, from April 1 until September 30, 1861. Signed by Commander Raphael Semmes, the document lists all of the ship's officers, Paymaster Henry Myers, and R.F. Armstrong for the crew, whose names are listed.

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Signed by Raphael Semmes, Commander; all officers; Henry Myers, Paymaster; R.F. Armstrong for the crew, whose names are listed.