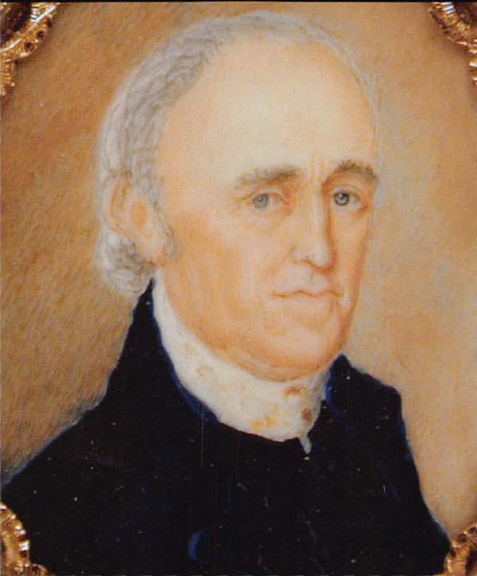


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William Thomson

When the American Revolution began, William Thomson resigned his position in the British militia, and in 1775 was selected as commander of the 3rd South Carolina Regiment. During the Battle of Sullivan's Island, Colonel Thomson's unit prevented British forces from crossing at Breach Inlet. His fearless leadership earned him the nickname "Danger."

He participated in several southern battles until his capture during the Siege of Charleston in May 1780.

Thomson was part of a prisoner exchange in June 1781, returning to serve as an advisor to General Nathanael Greene.