

Pension Application for Job Halsey

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[There doesn't seem to be much in this folder as far as depositions showing Job's service. The following letter gives the most information. ajberry]

Bridgehampton Suffolk Co., N.Y. June 15, 1835.

Sir,

Yours of the 17th April last, returning the additional papers or evidences, in the case of Job Halsey for the purpose of being duly authenticated, was duly rec'd and I herewith send the same back, authenticated as required.

In answer to your suggestions, that there are depositions in the Pension Office, showing that Col. Smith's regiment was organized for six months upon the express condition that they should not be required to serve out of Long Island, and that very shortly after their return from the Island they claimed the benefits of this condition. I do not know that I have anything to say, further than that the applicant Mr. Halsey, denies that he ever so understood viz.

He says that he enlisted absolutely for six months, and that they considered himself bound to serve where was ordered; and he is certain, that when Col. Smith gave his men liberty to go home & see their families, it was with the express understanding or orders that they should hold themselves in readiness to rendezvous at the first call. At all events, that he & his fellow soldiers who came home with him, so understood viz, as they would but have returned immediately and joined Col. Livingston's regiment, as they did, agreeably to the order that came to this effect.

On the whole, as then can be no doubt of the applicant's service, as stated in his declaration with the proof annexed thereto; and especially as he is a very respectable old gentleman, of good moral character & correct habits, and really stands in need of the aid of his country for support, having no property of his own, his friends do very confidently think, that his name will be enrolled upon the pension line, and that his fond expectations in this respect, will soon be realized. Very respectfully your obt servt. A. T. Rose. J.L. Edwards Esqr, Comm of Pensions.