Pension Application for Isaac Loofborrow

S.42893

New York Aug't 4th 1834.

The Hon: Lewis Cass Secretary of War.

Sir

I should have answered the letter I received from the War Office, before, but was not able & now am sarce [scarce] well enough to write—

In the latter I received, you remarked that I had forfeited my pension, because of my Delinquency of Service, in Col'o Cortlandt's Regiment, but Sir I did not Claim pension for services don [done] in Cortland's Regiment but for Services rendered to the United States, in rendered to the United States, in Col'o McDougals Regiment, I proved my Inlistment by a Mr. Mount, who inlisted the same time that I did, & my papers ware [were] sent back for want of proof, of my Services, as well as Inlistment, & that I proved by Major Wiley, who was a Captain in McDougals Regiment, when I Inlisted, & by a Mr. Moorey who was a Sergeant, in the same Regiment, & I seved [served] the whole time out, faithfully, I was nothing but a Corporal in Service, & was on that Inlistment, & that only, upon which I claimed my pension, & there was no other Engagement mentioned, & that was faithfully fulfiled [fulfilled] as above, said now Sir when my time Expired in McDougal's Regiment, I returned to New York State, but my parents & friends ware in the City, & the Enemy ware there also, & I could not go there, I heard of Col'o Cortlands Regiment being at Fishkill, I went to Fishkill & Inlisted as a sergeant, this was a Distinct Engagement from my first Inlistment, the above is a Correit [correct] Statement now My Dear Sir where is the Justice of depriving me of my pension for services faithfully rendered, because I because I became a Delinquent in a Subsequent Engagement not Sir that I Justify my Elinquency, No I do Not, Neither wold [would] I recommend the mode pursued by me, under the same circumstances to any one No sir I Condemn it, but if I should give you a detailed account of the Case, it probably would not appear so Criminal

Taking the whole into Consideration, My services, My age, which is but little Short o Eighty years, my Infirmities for truly I have seen but few wells days, there five years, and I have an aged wife, very Ill health, & three Daughters who are in Ill health one of which has been in bad health for more than six years, so that my Country would not be troubled with me very long if my pension should be Continued but truly I see no Justice in Stopping it.

I am Sir

With Semtiments of Respect & Esteem

Your Obedient & humble servant. T. Loofborrow

The Hon Lewis Case

P. S. I am at present unable to give a Detailed account of the Circumstness that led to my leaving Cortland's Regiment the above Statement is Correct in all respects as it respects my fambyly [family] & my Circumstances believe me Sir my pension is full half my Support. Yours as above, T.L.

New York Mayor's Court. Is the Court of Common Pleas, called the Mayor's Court of the City of New-York, held at the City Hall, in and for the said City, before the Judges of the same Court, of August----term, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty Present the Honorable Peter A. Jay Esquire Recorder—

City of New-York, SS. Be it remembered, that on the twenty first day of August—in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty personally appeared in the Court of Common Pleas, called the Mayor's Court of the city of New-York, in open court, the said court being a court of record for the city and county of New-York, according to the charter of the said city and the laws of the state of New-York, Isaac Loofborrow aged sixty two years, resident in the City of New York who being first duly Sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the revolutionary war as follows:; (Viz) that he Inlisted in New York about the middle of April one thousand seven hundred & seventy six in Capt. John Johnsons Comp'y, Colo Alex'r McDougals Regt York line & perform'd Military duty in said City & its Vicinity untill the British troops took possession of it, that on the Retreat ware not by the Enemy, at Harlem Heights, & at Whiteplaines, [White Plains] after which went with the Army to Peekskill from thence Cross'd the Hudson River & march'd into Newjersey, & Up the Delaware & Cross'd it at Easton then proceded down s'd River oposite [opposite] to Trenton (after the Capture of the Hesians) Recrossed the river into Trenton & lay till Jan. 1777, when the Enemy drove them out, on the Retreat surprised an Ambuscade took 2 or 300 & march'd to Millstone the same night with the prisoners, from thence proceeded to Morristown from thence on an (Expidition under the Command of Col'o Scott) to Qiubbletown & met the British troops in Piscataway where he was in a severe action in this he Received a Wound in this war in the month of February 1777 after he was Recovered of his wound was dismissed from Service his time having Expired.

And that his original declaration is dated the Eleventh day of April one thousand eight hundred and eighteen and that his pension certificate is No. 2508 And I do solemnly Swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March, 1818, and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale, or in manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled, "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary war." Passed on the 18th day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen: and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me; nor hav I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed, and by me sub scribed, to wit: Income none.

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And I do further certify that my family are as follows my wife Susanna aged 53 years and is in ill & feeble health and unable to contribute to her own support. My children as follows Hannah Loofborrow aged thirty years and in a state of ill health and cant contribute to her own support, Susanna Ann aged sixteen years is leaving a trade and at present unable to contribute to her own support, Many aged fourteen years and is in ill health wholly unable to Contribute to her own support, Martha aged thirteen years and unable to contribute to her own support and a Grand Child Catharine Leek near three years old and unable to support herself. And further that my occupation is that of a shoemaker but from a continued affliction of twenty years of a pain in the head and stomach am not able tut partially to pursue said business. (Signed) J. Loof borrow

Sworn in open Court this 21 day of August 1820 Benj'n Ferris Clk

In Testimony whereof, I have sent my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court, this twenty second day of August 1820 Benj'n Ferris Clk