

Pension Application for John L. Polereczky or Polerecsky or Polleresky

W.10915 (Widow: Nancy)

To the Hon. Senate & House of Representatives in Congress assembled.

The Petition of John L. Polereczky residing in Dresden in the County of Lincoln & State of Maine, resident in Sherwuth. That he is now seventy seven years old: was born in France, and came to America in the year 1780, as an officer, with the five thousand men, who landed at Newport, under the command of Gen. Count Rechambleau & held the commission of Major in Le duc de Lauzan's regiment, that he served & with the French Troops in the war of the American Revolution, until the ;close of the war in 1783—and then resigned:--

That during the war, he was in much action service, was at Kingsbridge, where the American army fought the British: and in an attack on Col. Tarlton's dragoons, had the command of his Col's light horse, had his horse wor which he gave \$250 killed under him.

At the close of the war, he lived about a year in Boston, and then moved to Dresden, where he has lived ever since

In 1783 he was duly naturalized.—

Your petitioner was certified to, & received, a pension from the French king of 100 Louis d Ores, a year until it was stopped by Buonaporte [Bonaparte] , in consequence of his not returning to France, pursuant to his proclamation. Your petitioner thought it no right to go & have his family, after having been naturalized, and had taken the oath of Allegiance to the Government of the U.S.

The refusal of your Petitioner to return to France, agreeably to the aforesaid proclamation, produced the confiscation of his property, to the amount of 44,000 liares. Since he was naturalized & he has been appointed by Gen. Dearborne, Deputy Marshal for the District of Maine, also to assist in taking a census.

His primary resources are reduced very low—He is too old to labour much; and after all, this is his only support for himself & family.

Your petitioner owes about \$300; which remains as an incumberance on his real estate & which it is out of his power to pay.

The substance of the forgoing petition was forwarded to the Hon. the Secretary of war, with a view to obtain a pension under the law of the United States of the 18th of March 1818: but he has rec'd for answer that “the law embraces those only, who were paid, clothed, armed, subsisted & raised under the authority of the Continental Congress: and that his claim was inadmissible under that law.”—

Therefore your Petitioner humbly prays that, as the law aforesaid does not embrace his case, & as he served long & faithfully in the war of the Revolution; and as he is now old and destitute, your Honours would take his case into consideration; and grant him such reasonable compensation for for [sic] the loss of said horse, & such other relief, as your Honours, in your wisdom, may think right, Just & equitable—and as in duty bound will [?] John L. Tolerorbly.

Major John Polereczky died June 8, 1830.