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Pension application of Moses Busher R1534

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County of Philadelphia: SS

On this ninth Day of March A.D. 1824, Personally appeared in Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of Philadelphia (being a court of record, having a seal, and exercising common law jurisdiction) Moses Busher of the County aforesaid, aged sixty-three years; who being first duly sworn according to law on his oath saith on or about the 15th day of June A.D. 1776 he entered the lands service of the United States at Fort Moultrie (now called Fort Solomon) on Sullivan's Island, South Carolina, in the force commanded by General Moultrie as Captain of a gun. That he continued in the Fort and service afore said during nine weeks, when he was disabled from further service by a severe wound which broke his leg and caused perpetual lameness -- That he was actively engaged, in common with the other Soldiers on the Station, in defending the Fort from the attack of the British Fleet commanded by Admiral Sir Peter Parker, and was present at all the battles or bombardments which took place -- That after the necessity of his Services there, was obviated by the ^{unfavorable} termination of hostilities in that quarter, he was discharged by General Moultrie, in consequence of inability, and was thence carried to Charleston Hospital, where he was confined and dangerously ill for six months; a confinement considerably protracted, and obtained greatly increased, by the own skillfulness of the Surgeon. That by reason of the length of the time which has since elapsed, and the decease of his companions, he is able to produce no other proof of his Services than his own evidence --

And in pursuance of the Act of Congress there to applying, the said Moses Busher doth solemnly declare on his oath, that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provision 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 1818, and that h has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than the annexed schedule contains.

Sworn in open Court the ninth March 1824

S/ Matthew Randall

S/ Moses Busher

A Schedule of the property of Moses Busher, an applicant for a Pension.

None whatever -- In consequence of repeated losses and accumulated misfortunes, he was obliged to apply to the proper court of his Commonwealth for the benefit of the Insolvent Laws, and was in pursuance of that application, legally discharged thereunder, on the 18th day of October A.D. 1822 by the Court of, and Please aforesaid --

His Occupation.

Your applicant is a mariner by profession, but has been unable during many years past to procure such employment. He is now under the necessity of procuring labor as a messenger etc. to support himself and a numerous family.

His Family --

His wife, being 57 years of age --

3 sons, of the respective ages of 12, 10 & 8 -- all unable to contribute to their support -- The few articles of household furniture necessary for the use of his family, do not belong to him, but were assigned at the time of his discharge under the Insolvent Law -- His creditors would before this time, have demanded & received them, had not the poverty of his circumstances induced them to suffer the goods to remain.

Sworn in open Court marched Nine 1824

S/Matthew Randall

S/ Moses Buser