

Pension Application for Hickey Bates

R.614 (Widow: Rachel Bates) [Transcribers note, no deposition is included in this file. ajb]

Pleasant Valley Sept 6th 1839

D Sir:

Yours of the 10th of July was July received by me, and the same was shown to Mr. Bates the applicant for a pension, he states that the sloop of War Harlequin was lying in the City of N. York and was manned by Volunteers (he being one) under Capt. Daniel Shaw and was blockaded in the harbor until the British had taken Long Island when they ran her up Harlem Creek near Kings Bridge and there dismantled her and further as his statement sets forth the old man has been quite sick for oa length of time I hardly think he will to make further proof or further to apply, but he requests that his papers may be sent back and he now says he has found some proof in the City of N. York respecting his Imprisonment and his service on board of the Harlequin and wishes to know if he should prove those facts as stated whether he will then be entitled to a pension. The proof of his service under Brown and VanBenschouten if more is required means will be used to obtain the same at Albany. He is a poor man and at present quite feeble and shall wait an answer from you before he proceeds further. Yours with respect, Garret Adriance.

To J. L. Edwards Esqr.

MB for my part I can't see of any use of the papers being sent back if he obtains further testimony let him forward that.