

attacked one of our picquets as it was returning to camp.

" Captain Treat, who commanded it, retired disgracefully, leaving a wounded man on the ground. Captain Biddle, of the artillery, impelled by feelings highly honorable to him as a soldier and officer, promptly assumed the command of this picquet, led it back to the wounded man, and brought him off the field.

" I ordered captain Treat, on the spot, to retire from the army, and as I am anxious that no officer shall serve under my command, who can be suspected of cowardice, I advise that captain Treat and lieutenant —,\* who was also with the picquet, be struck from the rolls of the army."

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### No. III.

Sackett's Harbor, July 6, 1815.

We, the undersigned, officers of the late 21st regiment U. S. infantry, having served during the late war, with captain Joseph Treat, of the same regiment, bear testimony to the correctness of his conduct as an officer; to the uniformity of his deportment as a gentleman, and to his firmness and courage on every occasion in which he has met the enemy.

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Late Major 21st Infantry.

**SULLIVAN BURBANK,**  
Brevet Major 21st Infantry.

**P. PELHAM,**  
Captain 21st Infantry.

**BENJ. F. LARNED,**  
Brevet Captain 21st Infantry.

**JOHN W. HOLDING,**  
Brevet Captain 21st Infantry.

\* The copy is exact, the name of lieutenant *Morrow*, was omitted; but he had a brother, *member of congress*; nevertheless, the conduct of the lieutenant was beyond reproach or suspicion.