

APPROVAL OF THE SENTENCE OF THE COURT.

COPY

Of the sentence of a General Court Martial, and approval of the same by major general Brown, in the case of capt. Joseph Treat, of the 21st infantry.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Sackett's Harbor, 3d July, 1815.

After mature deliberation, the court find the accused, captain Joseph Treat, of the 21st regiment, *not guilty* of the charge or specification preferred against him, and *do honorably acquit him*.

Taking into consideration all the circumstances relating to capt. Treat's case, major general Brown believes it to be his duty to approve the sentence of the court. But he embraces this opportunity to say, that he has never seen an instance of American soldiers, such as capt. Treat's command, abandoning their officers in the face of an enemy. This is not the character of the soldiers our country breeds. So far as the experience of the major general goes, they have ever stood by their officers, so long as their officers were disposed to stand by their *colors* or *their honor*.

It would appear, however, from the testimony before the court, that the men composing the picquet guard, commanded by capt. Treat, on the morning of the 5th July, 1814, were an exception to the general rule, and therefore he is honorably acquitted.

I certify that the above is a correct copy of the original, handed into this office.

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