Charges preferred against Hen[illegible] Surgeon of the 42d. Regt. U. S. Infantry, by James [illegible]bes Col. of the same Regt.

Charge 1st. Neglect of Duty:

Specification 1st. In absenting himself without leave from the Sick of the Regt. on the 18th. & 19th. September last when under Marching Orders from Sandy Hook;

Specification 2d. In absenting himself without leave from the Sick of the Regt. (between 50 & 65 in number) while in Tents near Fort Lewis Long Island from the 11th. October to the 19th. same Month;

Specification 3d. In abandoning the Hospital & Public Stores appertaining to it, at the Garrison of Sandy Hook, on the 18th. September last

Specification 4th. In declining to attend and administer Medicine to the Wife & Child of the Sergeant Majors Family on or about the 24th. August last then in Garrison at Sandy Hook;

Specification 5th. In not attending upon Lieuts. Cooper, Taylor & Cross, when Sick near Fort Lewis in September & October 1814

Specification 6th. In not Commuting the Whiskey and Rations of the Sick for their relief & comfort as directed;

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Specification 2d. In not establishing his Quarters in the Encampment, in Conformity to the Orders of the 22nd September.

Charge 3d. [illegible] becoming an Officer & a Gentleman;

Specification 1st. [illegible] uttering a Falsehood "That he was under "the necessity of attending the Sick of the 41st. Regt." and assigning the same as a Reason for not complying with the Battalion Order of the 22d. September and afterwards equivocating when Charged with having made the assertion;

Specification 2d In uttering a Falsehood Vizt. "That "Lieut. Colle. Forbes would not attend to the wants of the Sick."

Specification 3d. In uttering a Falsehood Vizt "That Lieut. "Colle. Forbes had no Business with his Requisitions for Pro= "=visions" and afterwards denying the assertion.

Camp Boyd near Fort Leon 21. October 1844

James G. Forbes

Lieut. Col: 42d Mfy

To which Charges and Specifications [illegible] not guilty
But admitted the facts as stated in [illegible] of the 1st Charge
and in the 1st & 2d Specfs of the 2d Charge

The Court haveing deliberately weighed the evidance applicable to the Several Specifications, was of opinion the facts alledged in Justification of the accused are Sufficiant to exculpate him from any Criminality attached to the Several Specifs of the 1st Charge and doth accordingly pronounce the accused not guilty of Neglect of duty — The Court was next of opinion that the Circumstances offered in evidance in behalf of the accused under the 2d Charge tho' in Some measure tending to palliate the offence do not amount to a full justifycation — The Court doth accordingly pronounce the the accused guilty of disobedience of orders under both Specifs of the 2d Charge — The Court lastly is of opinion that the 1st & 2d Specifications of the 3d Charge are not proved — The 3d Specifs of the Same Charge be dismissed in as much as it is Vague and indefinite designateing neither time nor place both of which are indis-pensible to a Charge according to the practice of all Judicial Tribunals — as Guardians to the rights of the Prisoner the Court feel bound to protect him from accusations defective illegaly prefered Whereupon the Court doth pronounce the accused of Conduct Unbecom-eing an officer and a gentleman as alledged in the Several Specifications under the last Charge — In Consideration therefore of the extinuateing Circumstances afforded in excuse of the offences Specifyed under the 2d Charge the Court is disposed to be leniant and doth adjudge and determine that H Hall Surgeon of the 42d Regt be privately reprimanded by Brigadier Genl. Boyd Comdg the Military Post at New Utrecht Long Island The Comdt of the District haveing attentively Considered the Proceedings and determination of the Court Martial whereof Lt. Col.

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Dr. Hall will repair to New Utrecht, and report himself to Brigr. Genl. Boyd Tomorrow forenoon.

Charges Preferred
against Lt Hall
Surgeon 47th Infantry