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This day came before me William Adcock Esquire one of the Justices &c. for the County aforesaid Colonel Thomas Procter and being duly Sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, doth depose and say That He is personally acquainted with Doctor William Adams of this City, and that the said Doctor Adams acted as Surgeon of the 4th Battalion or Pennsylvania Regiment of Artillery under the Command of said Deponant from the time it was raised till May 1779 about which time he the said Doctor Adams resigned. That during the continuance of him the said Doctor in service he conducted himself conformable to the duties of his Station – That in September following the Regiment being in want of a Surgeon and Doctor Adams hearing the same, the said Doctor Declared himself then in a better state of Health and cheerfully proposed to resume his former Station. He was thereupon re appointed & Commiſsioned by Doctor Shippen about the 1st of October 1779. In which capacity he conducted himself as unaceptionably as before. That on the 15th day of December 1780 the said Deponant received a letter from Doctor Adams expreſsing his desire of availing himself of the privelege indulged by a Resolve of the Honble the Congreſs in favor of Senior Officers bearing date the preceding October in consequence of which he was disposed to retire as a Supernumary, chiefly on account of his bad state of Health: he the said Doctor being at that time at sick Quarters by regular Permiſsion for recovery of his Health. And enclosed in said Letter there was a Copy of a Certificate signed by Doctor Cochran (acting Surgeon General to the Army confirming the circumstances therein set forth – on this event said Deponant wrote to Major Eustis, and transmitted to said Major the Letter &c. before alluded to, in order to acquaint General Wayne of said Doctor Adams desire of retiring and that one of the Junior Surgeons then in service might have an opportunity of continuing therein and supply said vacancy accordingly Doctor Reading Beatty one of the junr. Surgeons who was desirous to continue in Service, was Nominated. That some time after said Deponant arri in this City also Doctor Beatty He the said Deponant Doctor Adams and Beatty Addreſsed General St. Clair respecting the above Subject and with the Generals approbation. Doctor Adams immediately retired Supernumary the latter end of January and Doctor Beatty commenced acting Surgeon of said Regiment in February 1781. That on Acct. of the Mutiny of the Pennsylvania Troops no Returns were made of said Deponants Regiment untill March 1781 at which time said Deponant gave one correct Return

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to General S^t Clair and another to the Hon^ble Board of War. But through the Inadvertance of his Clerk the retiring and acting Surgeons were not inserted in said Return. That on said Deponants discovering said neglect he waited on the Board and aſsigned the reasons of said omiſsion. Then by permiſsion, said Deponant made the just and neceſsary alterations in presence of M^r Carleton Secretary the aforesaid Hon^ble Board then lodged the Return in the War Office as before and further Saith not, and subscribed his name hereto in my presence this thirty first day of October 1781.

Tho^s Proctor

Sworn before me
31^st October 1781.

Will: Atlee

Rec^d 4 May 1782.
Papers relating to the case of D^r Adams.