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I hereby certifie that some time last Summer a Certain Stanley Cook with four or five Others complain'd to me (as one of their Field Officers) Against Capt. Joseph Byas, They said that being call'd out on duty with Others of Capt. Byas's Company, that he, Capt. Byas purchas'd provisions from some of the Neighbours for the use of the Company, but Being discharg'd in a short time, & receiving provisions from Several of the Inhabitants that were kind enough to make no charge against them, they made use of very little of that purchas'd by Capt. Byas, and that when he was going to pay them their Wages, wanted to stop a Shilling ⅌ Day out of each man's pay for the provision he alledg'd he had found them, great part of which Stanly Cook said he cou'd prove Capt. Byas put to his own private use, I told them I would speak to Capt. Byas. & have the Matter settled, Some time after I saw Capt. Byas and Stanly Cook together, I Acquainted him of the Charge Made Against him, upon which he said if he had done wrong it was for want of knowing better, and that he was ready to settle it in any Manner that I or any of other of the Field Officers would advise him to, he said those

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