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and came to Boston in Charlestown Harbor. That he was then ordered to Washington and remained there till April following when he was ordered to join the ship, but the death of his father occurred soon after which he applied for a furlough which was granted him for two months prior to the expiration of which he was again called on to join a 48 Gun Frigate which he declined and Boston his Residence on September 1801. That he was living in the City of Georgia after the issuing these Certificates to take payment there, but without success within two or three years the latter not being collected. In 1804 he left the United States and returned in 1828 when he passed through Savannah to Texas and returned immediately to Carolina and has not been seen in the United States and except during his absence at arms mentioned above located in Charleston South Carolina and he positively says he never heard of the Act of the Legislature of Georgia requiring the holders of military certificates to issue them, but he was informed of it by his friends within the last two years and he is positive and certain that he was never informed of the law or of any such Regulation till two or after the year 1802. That he could easily have procured the Certificates if he had known that it was necessary but could never have anticipated that the renewal of them would be required, as said Certificates had been issued directly to himself under the express and particular directions of the Legislature.