

Vanes. It is well Known that from fifth Gineration downward we ware all waryers Ither by Sea or Land and in Dead so strong was the Propensatey for the arme that I could not with stand its Temtations. One Eaveing in April the Drums an Instraments of Musick ware all Employed to that Degrea that thay Charmed me. I repaird to a Publick house whare Marth and Gollatrey was Highly Going on. I found Miney lads of my Aquantans which Seamd Detarmined to Go in to the Sarvis. I talkt with Capt Baldwin and ask him weather he would take me in his Company as he was the Recruiting Offeser.⁴⁰ He Readealey agreed and I set my hand to the orders. My Parans was so angry that thay forbid me making my apearance at Home. I taread about the town among my fello Solgers and thought that I had made a profitable Exchange giting a Rigimintal Coate in Plase * * * llard Cloth. At Length the time Came to Report. Early in June we embarked on bord a Vessel to join the Arme at the randivoere. We sald from Milford to New York proceeded up North river and arrived safe at Albany. I cam on Smartly as I had sum of my Bountey Money with me. I did not want for Ginger Bread and Small Bear and sun forgot that I had left my Parans who were Exseedingley trubeld in Minde for my well-fair. After taring thare sum Weakes the Prinsabel Part of the Armeey got together and we Proseaded up to the Halfmoon and thare lay til the hole of the Armeey from Differant Parts of the hole Countray Got to Gather. In the meantime Parties and Teamsters ware Imploid In forwarding Provishon from Post to Post and from Forte Eadward to the head of Lake George. It was supposed that we should Crose Lake George and make a Desent on ticondaroge But before that could be a Complished the sumer ended. Fall of Year Seat in and we went to work at the fort George which lay on the head of the Lake by that name. In November it Groed two cold to sleep

⁴⁰ Capt. David Baldwin commanded the seventh company of the Connecticut regiment in 1756, and Peter Pond is enrolled among his privates. See *Conn. Hist. Colls.*, ix, p. 105.—ED.