Claim for Compensation for Enlisted Slave.

No. 25

I, A LOYAL CITIZEN, Thomas Beamment and a resident of Weston County of Platte State of Missouri hereby claim compensation, under the provisions of Section 24, Act approved February 24, 1864, and Section 2, Act approved July 28, 1866, for my slave Thomas Benton enlisted August 8th 1862, at Fort Scott Kas by Captain Armstrong in the 1st Kan Col'd Regiment ~~U.S.~~ U.S. Colored Troops, Co. "G" certificate of which enlistment, and a descriptive list, as required, accompanying this application.

In proof of my loyalty to the Constitution and Government of the United States, I present the accompanying oath, which I have taken, signed and acknowledged, to be filed with this application, in accordance with requirement of General Order, No. 329, 1863, War Department, Adjutant General's Office.

And I hereby constitute and appoint MASON & FLANAGAN, of St. Louis, Mo., my agents and attorneys irrevocably to present the foregoing claim, to receive and receipt for all moneys payable under it, and in general to do any and everything necessary and proper to be done for its examination, adjustment and collection, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my said attorneys may or shall legally and properly do in the said premises.

Thos Beamment

Signature of Claimant.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

I, Thomas Beamment the owner and claimant, do solemnly swear that the foregoing claim is a just and true claim due to me as master and owner of the said slave, and that the facts alleged in said claim in respect to the enlistment of said slave into the military service of the United States are true. And I do further swear that I have never joined, *or been concerned in any insurrection*, or rebellion; *that I have never borne arms* against the United States; *that I have never given any aid, countenance, counsel or encouragement* to any person or persons engaged, or whom I had reason to believe were about to engage, in insurrection, rebellion or armed hostility *against the United States*; that I have neither sought, nor accepted, nor attempted to exercise the functions of any office, civil or military, nor to perform any service whatever, under any authority or pretended authority in hostility to the United States; that I have not yielded a voluntary support to any insurrection, rebellion or pretended government, authority, power or constitution within the United States, hostile thereto. And I do further swear that, to the best of my knowledge and ability, I have supported and defended, and will continue to support and defend, the United States *against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and that I have supported, defended and obeyed, and will continue to support, defend and obey, the Constitution and laws of the United States;* that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I take this oath freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion. So help me God.

Thos Beamment

Sworn to, subscribed and acknowledged before me, at Office in Weston this 3rd day of November 1866.

James A Hill

Notary Public

☞ Affidavits of disinterested loyal parties will be required to prove the active loyalty of the claimant during the war.

INSTRUCTIONS.

1. State all the circumstances connected with obtaining title—when, where and how.
2. Signature of Claimant.
3. Signature of Witnesses to Ownership.
4. Signature of Witnesses to Loyalty.
5. Signature of Notary Public or Clerk of Court, authenticated by seal.

If title is by purchase, state date of bill of sale, and where recorded. Where possible, file the bill. If title is by inheritance, state when and from whom the slave was inherited, and where the will is recorded, or the administrator was appointed.

If claimant is a trustee, executor or administrator, he must show, by record proof, that he is such.

Where the same party claims compensation for more than one slave, he must file a separate claim for each one.

War Department,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.
Washington, Aug. 2 1864.

Respectfully returned to the Commission for the State of Missouri, with the information that Monroe Boulton was enlisted at St. Louis Aug. 5. 1863 and was mustered in as Private in Co. K, 19th U.S.C.T. Jan. 13. 1864

A. Townsend
A.A. Genl.

M. Gold

ENDORSEMENT.

No. 55

APPLICATION OF

Monroe Boulton Private

OF

Weston Platte County Mo

For compensation for service of slave

Monroe Boulton

enlisted August 5th *1862,*

in D *Co.* 19th *Regiment,*

U.S. Colored Troops.

Received Aug 14 *1866.*

compensation awarded.

186 .

Dollars.

Pres't Board of Claims.

P. O. address of Applicant, Weston

Platte Co Missouri

Monroe x Boulton

his mark

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CERTIFICATE OF AWARD OF THE BOARD OF CLAIMS.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF CLAIMS,

For Slaves Enlisted or Drafted in the Service of the United States.

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WE HEREBY CERTIFY that _____ of _____ county, State of _____ having proved, under oath, _____ loyalty to the Constitution and Government of the United States, and established _____ title as to the ownership of _____ a slave _____ and mustered at _____ on the _____ day of _____ 186 , by _____ in the service of the United States, in the _____ Regiment of Colored Troops, Co. _____ the sum of _____ dollars has been awarded to _____ by this Board, subject to the approval of the Secretary of War, as a compensation for the said slave, under provisions of Section 24, Act approved February 24, 1864, and Section 2, Act approved July 28, 1866.

_____ *President of the Board.*

_____ *Member of the Board.*

R. V. Martin *Member of the Board.*

To _____

Chief of the Bureau for the
Organization of Colored Troops, Washington, D. C.

(1) I Thomas Beaumont Claimant for Compensation

for Thomas Benton slave, under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, and July 28th, 1866, having been duly sworn, declares that at the date of the Enlistment of said Thomas Benton into the military service of the United States he was the lawful owner of said Thomas Benton and obtained his title to him in the following manner: (1)

By purchase of John Shultz estate for the Sum of Twelve hundred and fifty Dollars in Platte County Missouri in the year 1855 at the Sale of said John Shultz Deceased & conducted by his Administrator — as will apear by the original bill of sale herewith filed — Marked "A"

(2) Thos Beaumont

William S. Bonnel and John S. Davis having been duly sworn, declare that they are personally acquainted with Thomas Beaumont the claimant for compensation for one Thomas Benton under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, and July 28th, 1866, and know that said Thomas Benton at the date of his Enlistment into the military service of the United States, and for eighty years previous thereto, the slave of said Thomas Beaumont. They also declare that they have no interest in said claim.

(3) William S Bonnel
John S Davis

William S. Bonnel and John S Davis having first been sworn, upon their oaths declare that they reside, respectively, in Weston, county of Platte, State of Missouri, and Weston, county of Platte, State of Missouri; that they are personally acquainted with Thomas Beaumont claimant for compensation for one Thomas Benton under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, and July 28th, 1866. And that they know that said "claimant has firmly and faithfully maintained his allegiance and adherence to the government of the United States, by defending its cause against the government of the so-called Confederate States of America, in all suitable and practicable ways, and according to his ability;" they also swear that they have themselves maintained a like allegiance and adherence to the government of the United States, and that they have no interest in said claim.

(4) William S Bonnel
John S Davis

State of Missouri
County of Platte } ss. 186

Personally appeared the above named Thomas Beamont, William S. Bonnel and John S Davis

and made oath to the truth of the foregoing statements, by them respectively subscribed.

(5) James J Hitt
Notary Public

"A"

By virtue of an order of the Probate Court of Platte County, State of Missouri, I, George W Bayless as administrator of the estate of John G. Shultz dec'd, on the 13th day of April A D 1835, at the late residence of de-ceased in said County of Platte proceded to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, the slaves belonging to said deceased; and at said sale Thomas Beaumont, for the sum of twelve hundred dollars (that being the highest bid offered) became the purchaser of the following slave viz:- a man named Tom aged about thirty years. And the said Thomas Beaumont having secured the said purchase money according to the terms of the said sale, as the administrator afore-said, I do hereby bargain sell and convey unto the said Thomas Beaumont all the right title and interest of said John G Shultz dec'd in and to said above named slave.

Witness my hand and seal as administ-rator as aforesaid on this 11th day of August A D 1835

G W Bayless as administrator of John G. Shultz dec'd. (Seal)