(Form A.)

CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR ENLISTED SLAVE.

No. .....

I, M. M. Bland, a loyal citizen, and a resident of ..... 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 John Bland enlisted September 10th 1863, at Elwood Kansas by Lieut Brunson in the Eighty third Regiment U. S. Colored Troops, Co. K; certificate of which enlistment, and a descriptive list, as required, ~~accompanying this application.~~ claimant received none

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.

M. M. Bland

November 16th 1866.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

I, M. M. Bland, 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.

M. M. Bland

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at Weston Mo.
this 16th day of November 1866.

James J. Hill
Notary Public



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

War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, Jan 2. 1867.

Respectfully returned to the Commission for the State of Missouri, with the information that John Bland was enlisted at Elwood Kan. Sept 10. 1863. and was mustered in as a Pvt. in Co. "K" 83rd U.S.C.I. Oct. 17. 63.

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A. F. Rockwell

A. A. G.

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ENDORSEMENT.

No. 628

APPLICATION OF

M. M. Bland

OF

Platte Co. Mo

for compensation for service of slave John Bland enlisted September 1 1863, in "K" Co. 83d Regiment, U. S. Colored Troops.

Received December 20 1866,

Compensation awarded,

_____ 186 ,

_____ Dollars.

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President Board of Claims.

P. O. Address of Applicant.

Chilman Hosmer & Co

Washington D.C.

Atty

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.

_____

_____ 186

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. Marsh *Member of the Board.*

To _____

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

[FORM B.]

M. M. Bland claimant for compensation under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, and July 28th, 1866, for John Bland a slave, who was enlisted into the military service of the United States upon the tenth day of September 1863, having been duly sworn declares that at the date of the enlistment of said John Bland as aforesaid, and as more fully set forth in his application he was the lawful owner of said John Bland and obtained his title to him in the following manner: (1) the mother of said John Bland was owned by claimant, and said John Bland, for whom Compensation is claimed, was born the property of said M. M. Bland, the claimant aforesaid.

(2) M. M. Bland

E. W. Railey a resident of Platte County, State of Missouri and Chrishopher Steele a resident of Platte County, State of Missouri having been duly sworn, declare that they are personally acquainted with M. M. Bland the claimant for compensation for his slave John Bland under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, and July 28, 1866, and know that said John Bland at the date of his into the military service of the United States and for ten years previous thereto was the slave of said M. M. Bland They also declare that they have no interest in said claim.

E. W. Railey

(3) Melvin McKee

James Lindsey a resident of Platte County, State of Missouri and John Davenport a resident of Platte County, State of Missouri having first been duly sworn, upon their oaths declare that they reside respectively in county of Platte State of Missouri and county of Platte State of Missouri; that they are personally acquainted with M. M. Bland claimant for compensation for his slave John Bland under the Acts of Congress of February 24, 1864, and July 28, 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 adherence and allegiance to the Government of the United States, and that they have no interest in said claim.

James Lindsey

(4) John Davenport

And the said M. M. Bland claimant further declares that in consideration of valuable services rendered and to be rendered, he hath and doth employ and constitute, as his Attorneys, **CHIPMAN, HOSMER & CO., Washington, D. C.,** to prosecute his claim for compensation which may be awarded to him as owner of said slave, by the Acts of Congress in that regard, before the Board of Claims appointed for the State of Missouri

for the adjustment of such claims, before the Departments at Washington, D. C., where the same may become necessary, and elsewhere, and in *his* name, place and stead, for *him* and in *his* name to ask, demand, recover and receive such compensation as may be awarded as aforesaid, hereby giving and granting unto *his* said Attorneys full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises as full and to all intents and purposes the same as *he* might or could do were *he* personally present, hereby ratifying and confirming all *his* said Attorneys or their substitutes by their appointment shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof; and it is understood and agreed that this Power of Attorney cannot be revoked by *him* without the consent of *his* Attorneys herein appointed.

(1) M. M. Bland

STATE OF Missoure }
County of Platte } *ss.*

On this 16th day of November 1866, personally appeared before me a in and for the county and State aforesaid M. M. Bland the claimant above mentioned, and made oath to the foregoing statement by subscribed, and further acknowledge the signing and sealing of the foregoing Power of Attorney to be his own free binding act, for the purposes and objects therein contained and set forth; and at the same time also personally appeared the above named and

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

Witness my hand and seal, upom the day and date first above written.

[SEAL.]

(6) James J. Hill
Notary Public



INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) State all the circumstances connected with obtaining title—when, where and how.
(2) Signature of claimant.
(3) Signatures of witnesses to ownership.
(4) Signatures of witnesses to loyalty.
(5) Signature of claimant.
(6) 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. When possible, file the bill of sale. 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 the 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.

No. 1

Affidavits of Ownership and Loyalty, and Power of Attorney, in the Application of

M. M. Bland

For Compensation for Service of Slave.

CHIPMAN, HOSMER & CO.,
WASHINGTON, D. C.,
Attorneys for Claimant.

State of Wisconsin
Count of Platte } ss

I George W Bell Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County of Platte and "Ex officio" Recorder, do hereby certify that James J. Hill is, and was on the 17th day of November, A.D. 1866, an acting Notary Public for said County of Platte duly qualified and Commissioned and all of his acts as such are entitled to full faith and Credit—

In testimony whereof I George W. Bell Clerk as aforesaid hereunto set my hand and affix the Seal of said Court at Office this 20th day of Nov. A.D. 1866—

Geo W. Bell Clk