(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 Robert Bland enlisted August 7th 1862 ~~186~~, at Leavenworth, Kansas by Captain Ward in the Seventy-ninth Regiment U. S. Colored Troops, Co. A; certificate of which enlistment, and a descriptive list, as required, ~~accompanying~~ this application. Claimant declines

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. Hitt
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, January 2 1867.

Respectfully returned to the Commission for the State of Indiana, with the information that Robert B Land was enlisted at Ft Scott Kas Augt 7. 1862. and was mustered in as Pvt in Co. "A," 79th " U.S.C.I. Jany 13/63

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ENDORSEMENT.

No. ~~117~~

APPLICATION OF

M. M. Bland

OF

Platte Co: Mo.,

for compensation for service of slave Robert Bland

enlisted August 7th 186 ,

in A Co. 79th Regiment,

U. S. Colored Troops.

Received December 20 186 ,

Compensation awarded,

186 ,

Dollars.

President Board of Claims.

P. O. Address of Applicant.

Chipman Nosmer & Co

Washington D.C.

Attys

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. Ballard *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 Robert Bland a slave, who was enlisted into the military service of the United States upon the seventh day of August 1862, having been duly sworn declares that at the date of the enlistment of said Robert Bland as aforesaid, and as more fully set forth in his application, he was the lawful owner of said Robert Bland and obtained his title to him in the following manner: (1) the mother of said Robert Bland was owned by claimant, and said Robert 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 Christopher 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 Robert Bland under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, and July 28, 1866, and know that said Robert Bland at the date of his enlistment 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 McPhee

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 Robert 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 Missouri
County of Platte } ss.

On this 16th day of November 1864 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 *him* subscribed, and *he* 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 ..... and ..... 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. 19

Affidavit 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 Wiponsi
County of Platte } ss

I George W. Bell Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County of Platte and "Ex Officio" Recorder for said County do hereby certify that James J. Hill is and was on the 17th day of November AD 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 have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court at Office This November 21st AD 1866 —

Geo W Bell Clerk