CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR ENLISTED SLAVE.

No. _____

I, Peder Nelson, a loyal citizen, and a resident of Washington Township County of Buchanan 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, Christopher Columbus enlisted July 5th 1863 at Elwood Kansas by 2d Lt J. E. Hague in the 83rd Regiment U. S. Colored Troops, Co. "D" No certificate of which enlistment, and a descriptive list, as required, accompanying this application. None ever received —

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.

November 15th 1865 Peder Nelson

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

I Peder Nelson 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 evasion. So help me God.

Peder Nelson

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at Saint Joseph

this Sixteenth day of November 1865

Rob Boyle

Notary Public

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

War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, April 6 1867.

Respectfully returned to the Commission for the State of Missouri, with the information that Christopher Columbus was enlisted at Elwood Kan. July 5 1863 and was mustered in as Private in Co. "L" 83rd Ill. Vol. Inf. Aug 28 1863.

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J. C. Kaygard

Asst. Adj't General.

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ENDORSEMENT.

No. 499 N

APPLICATION OF

Peter Nelson

OF

Buchanan County

For compensation for service of Slave

Christopher Columbus

enlisted July 5th 1863

in 6th Co. 8 5 3d " Regiment,

U. S. Colored Troops.

Received Feby 28 1867

Compensation awarded

_____ 186__

_____ Dollars.

President Board of Claims.

P. O. Address of Applicant, or attorney

James F. Giles Esq

St Joseph Mo

2 A. L. Dodge

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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_____ 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.*

_____ *Member of the Board.*

To _____

Chief of the Bureau for the Organization of Colored Troops,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Peder Nelson a loyal citizen and claimant for compensation for Christopher Columbus 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 Christopher Columbus into the military service of the United States, he was the lawful owner of said Christopher Columbus and obtained his title to him in the following manner (1):

By purchase from Charles W Campbell on the fifth day of January A.D. 1859 as per Bill of Sale herewith filed

(2) Peders Nelson

Charles W. Campbell and C B France having been duly sworn, declare that they are personally acquainted with Peder Nelson the claimant for compensation for one Christopher Columbus under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, and July 28th, 1866, and know that said Christopher Columbus at the date of his enlistment into the military service of the United States, and for Three years previous thereto, was the slave of said Peder Nelson They also declare that they have no interest in said claim.

(3) Chas W Campbell
C B France

Charles W Campbell and C B France having first been sworn, upon their oaths declare, that they reside, respectively, in Saint Joseph County of Buchanan State of Missouri and St Joseph County of Buchanan, State of Missouri that they are personally acquainted with Peder Nelson claimant for compensation for one Christopher Columbus 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) Chas W Campbell
C B France

STATE OF MISSOURI,
COUNTY OF Buchanan } ss. November 16th 1866

Personally appeared the above named Peder Nelson
Charles W. Campbell and
Charles B France
and made oath to the foregoing statements by them respectively subscribed.

(5) Wm H Boyle
Notary Public

Saint-Joseph Mo Jany 5th 1859

This is to certify that I have sold to Peter Nelson my boy Christopher for the sum of One Thousand Dollars payable twelve months after date with 10 p. ct from date. The said negro is about twenty seven years of age and warranted sound in mind and body and a slave for life

Chas W. Campbell

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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 of 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.

No. 479

AFFIDAVITS OF OWNERSHIP AND LOYALTY,

in the application of

Peter Nelson

for Compensation for Service of Slave.