CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR ENLISTED SLAVE.

No.

I Thomas H. Clay a loyal citizen, and a resident of Plattsburg County of Clinton State of Missouri hereby claim compensation, under the provisions of Section 24, Act approved February 24, 1864, and Section 2, Act approved July 28th, 1866, for my Slave, John Clay alias John Ellington enlisted Central Fall of 1863 at Leavenworth City Kansas by Capt Coffeeby Kansas in the Second Regiment, U. S. Colored Troops, Kansas Co. A— No certificate of which enlistment, and a descriptive list, as required, accompanying this application. never having received any from the Mustering Officer

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.

Thos H Clay

Plattsburg Mo Nov 19 1866

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

I Thomas H Clay 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.

Thos H Clay

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at Plattsburg Mo

this 19th day of November 1866

James M Riley

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, Mar 20 1867.

Respectfully returned to the Commission for the State of Missouri, with the information that John Clay was enlisted at Leavenworth Kan July 14 1863 and was mustered in as private in Co. "B." 83rd U.S.C.T. Sept. 2, 1863.

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Asst. Adj't General.

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ENDORSEMENT.

No. 376

APPLICATION OF

Thomas H. Clay

OF

Clinton

For compensation for service of Slave

John Clay alias Ellington

enlisted ____ 186__

in A Co. 2nd Kan Regiment,

U. S. Colored Troops.

Received July 14 186 7

Compensation awarded

____ 186__

____ Dollars.

President Board of Claims.

P. O. Address of Applicant,

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J.C. Lodge

War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, Mar. 20. 1867.

Respectfully returned to the Commission for the State of Missouri with the information that there is no record of enlistment or service, of John Clay, alias Ellington, in Co. A. 2nd Kansas Col'd Infty. (83rd U.S.C.I. Infty.) on file in this office.

A. Townsend

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2, Act approved July 28, 1866.

RD OF THE BOARD OF CLAIMS.

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____ *President of the Board.*

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To ____

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

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CERTIFICATE OF AWARD OF THE BOARD OF CLAIMS.

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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.*

____ *Member of the Board.*

To ____

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

I, Thomas H Clay claimant for compensation for John Clay, alias, Ellington 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 John Clay alias Ellington into the military service of the United States, he was the lawful owner of said John Clay alias Ellington and obtained his title to him in the following manner (1) :

I bought the said John Clay alias Ellington of Pleasant W Ellington in the year 1858 or 1859. The bill of sales in this State is not required by law to be recorded & it is mislaid among my papers

(2) Thos H Clay

We Rice B. Davenport and Lewis L Bennett having been duly sworn, declare that they are personally acquainted with Thomas H. Clay the claimant for compensation for one John Clay under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, and July 28th, 1866, and know that said John Clay alias Ellington at the date of his enlistment into the military service of the United States, and for four years previous thereto, the slave of said Thomas H. Clay. They also declare that they have no interest in said claim.

(3) Rice B. Davenport
L L Bennett

We Rice B. Davenport and Lewis L Bennett having first been sworn, upon their oaths declare, that they reside, respectively, in the County of Clinton State of Missouri and — County of — State of — that they are personally acquainted with Thomas H Clay claimant for compensation for one John Clay 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) Rice B Davenport
L L Bennett

STATE OF Missouri
COUNTY OF Clinton } ss.

Plattsburg Mo Nov 19 1866.

Personally appeared the above named Thomas H. Clay Rice B Davenport & Lewis L Bennett, before me a Notary Public for the County & State aforesaid and made oath to the truth of the foregoing statements, by them respectively subscribed.

(5) James McRiley Notary Public

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.

No. 376

AFFIDAVITS OF OWNERSHIP AND LOYALTY,

in the Application of

Edward McCarty

for Compensation of Service of Slave.