CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR ENLISTED SLAVE.

No. [redacted]

I, Robert P. S. Elley, a loyal citizen, and a resident of Platte County of Pin Hee 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, Jeff. Willis enlisted about July 10th 1864 at Fort Leavenworth Kansas by Capt Saunders in the Eighty-third Regiment U. S. Colored Troops, Co. "A" 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.

Robert P S Elley

Dec 1st 1866

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

I Robert P. S Elley 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.

Robert P S Elley

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at Platte city Mo.

this 1st day of December 1866

John Wilson

(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 Jefferson Willis was enlisted at Leavenworth Kan July 6, 1863, and was mustered in as private in Co. "H" 83rd "USCI. Aug 11, 1863.

E. 297 Mo. St.

S. F. Rumsey

Asst. Adj't General.

BAB

Kansas

ENDORSEMENT.

No. 3129

APPLICATION OF

Robert P. L. Edley

OF

Platte Co. Mo

For compensation for service of Slave

Pep Wells

enlisted _____ 186__

in A Co. 83 Regiment,

U. S. Colored Troops,

Received July 13 1867

Compensation awarded

_____ 186__

_____ Dollars,

_____

President Board of Claims.

P. O. Address of Applicant,

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J. C

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.*

_____ *Member of the Board.*

To _____

Chief of the Bureau for the Organization of Colored Troops,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Robert P. S. Elley claimant for compensation under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, and July 28th, 1866, for Jeff. Willis a slave, who was enlisted into the military service of the United States, ~~upon~~ about the 10th day of July 1864, having been duly sworn declares that at the date of the enlistment of said Jeff Willis as aforesaid, and as more fully set forth in his application, he was the lawful owner of said Jeff Willis and obtained his title to him in the following manner; (1) By being the owner of the mother of said Jeff Willis at the time of his birth

(2) Robert P. S. Elley

Austin Louis and Granville Willis having been duly sworn, declare that they are personally acquainted with Robert P. S. Elley the claimant for compensation for his slave Jeff Willis under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, and July 28, 1866, and know that said Jeff Willis at the date of his enlistment into the military service of the United States, and for more than fifteen years previous thereto was the slave of said Robert P. S. Elley They also declare that they have no interest in said claim.

Attest. B. R Vineyard
Jesse Moore (3)

his
Austin + Louis
mark
his
Granville + Willis
mark

Austin Louis and Granville Willis having first been duly sworn, upon their oaths declare that they reside ~~respectively in~~ in the county of Platte State of Missouri ~~and county of State of~~; that they are personally acquainted with Robert P. S. Elley claimant for compensation for his slave Jeff. Willis 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.

Attest B. R Vineyard
Jesse Moore (3)

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Granville + Willis
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And the said Robert P. S. Elley claimant further declares that in consideration of valuable services rendered and to be rendered, he hath and doth employ and constitute, as his Attorney, **JAMES CRAIG, of Saint Joseph, Missouri,** 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 Attorney 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 Attorney or his substitutes by his 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 Attorney herein appointed.

(3) Robert P. S. Elley

State of Missouri }
County of Platte } ss.

On this 12th day of December 1866, personally appeared before me John Wilson a Notary Public in and for the county and State aforesaid Robert P. S. Elley 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 Austin Lewis and Granville Willis and ~~and~~ and made oath to the truth of the statements by them respectively subscribed.

WITNESS, My hand and seal, upon the day and date first above written.

[SEAL]

(5) John Wilson



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

Robert P. S. Elley

Platte Co. Mo

For Compensation for Service of Slave.

JAMES CRAIG,
ST. JOSEPH, MO.,
Attorney for Claimant.

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