CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR ENLISTED SLAVE.

No. [redacted]

I, Lycurgus Sheppard, a loyal citizen, and a resident of the 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, Perry Sheppard who enlisted September 4th 1863 at Leavenworth Kansas by Lieutenant Shiels for three years in the 83rd Regiment U. S. Colored Troops, Company (H) 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.

Lycurgus Sheppard

December 3rd 1866

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

I Lycurgus Sheppard 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.

Lycurgus Sheppard

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at Office in Platte City, Mo with the Seal Hereof Affixed this 3rd day of December 1866

G. W. Bell Clerk

Platte County Circuit Court

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

Kansas

ENDORSEMENT.

No. 3126

APPLICATION OF

Lyerly Shepherd

OF

Platte Co Mo

For compensation for service of Slave

Perry Sheppard

enlisted _____ 186__

in H 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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War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Washington, Mar 21 1867.

Respectfully returned to the Commission for the State of Missouri, with the information that Perry Sheppard was enlisted at Leavenworth Kan. September 7 1863, and was mustered in as private in Co "H" 83rd Regt USCT, Sept 8 1863.

S. Thomas

Asst. Adj't General.

B.C.B.

AWARD OF THE BOARD OF CLAIMS.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF CLAIMS.

r Drafted in the service of the United States.

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_____ 186

_____ of _____

_ having proved, under oath _____ loyalty to the Constitution

stablished _____ title as to the ownership of _____

_____ a slave _____ and mustered

e _____ day of _____ 186__

_____ in the service of the United States, in the

Colored Troops, Co. _____ the sum of _____

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.*

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To _____

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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.

_____

_____ 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.*

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To _____

Chief of the Bureau for the Organization of Colored Troops,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Lyeurgus Shepparad claimant for compensation under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, and July 28th, 1866, for Perry Shepparad a slave, who was enlisted into the military service of the United States, upon the Seventh day of September 1863, having been duly sworn declares that at the date of the enlistment of said Perry Shepparad slave as aforesaid, and as more fully set forth in his application, he was the lawful owner of said slave Perry Shepparad and obtained his title to him in the following manner: (1)
by purchase of William Gibson the Bill of Sale of said Slave Perry Shepparad is herewith filed

(2) Lyeurgus Shepard

G.J. Oliver and Isac. Simpson

having been duly sworn, declare that they are personally acquainted with Lyeurgus Shepparad, the claimant for compensation for said slave Perry Shepparad under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, and July 28, 1866, and know that said Perry Shepparad at the date of his enlistment into the military service of the United States, and for five years previous thereto was the slave of said Lyeurgus Shepparad
They also declare that they have no interest in said claim.

G J Oliver

(3) Isaac Simpson

G.J. Oliver and Isac. Simpson

having first been duly sworn, upon their oaths declare that they reside respectively in the county of Platte State of Missouri and county of State of ; that they are personally acquainted with Lyeurgus Shepparad claimant for compensation for said slave Perry Shepparad 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.

G J Oliver

(4) Isaac Simpson

And the said Lyeurgus Shepparad claimant further declares that in consideration of valuable services rendered and to be rendered, him hath and doth employ and constitute, as his Attorney, **JAMES CRAIG, of Saint Joseph, Missouri**, to prosecute the 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.

(*) Lycurgus Shepard

State of Missouri }
County of Platte } ss.

On this Third day of December 186 6 personally appeared before me George W. Belt a Clerk in and for the county and State aforesaid Lycurgus Shepgard 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 G. J. Oliver and Isaac Simpson 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. Office in Platte Co. Mo.

[SEAL] (*) Geo W. Belt Clerk

Platte County Circuit Court

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.

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No.

Affidavits of Ownership and Loyalty, and Power of Attorney,

IN THE APPLICATION OF

L. Shepard

Platte Co Mo

For Compensation for Service of Slave.

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