(Form A.)

CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR ENLISTED SLAVE.

No. .....

I, Oliver C. Steele, 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 Dennis Perkins enlisted December 21. st 1864, at Leavenworth, Kansas by Lieut Mathews artillery in the Indpdt. Battery Regiment U. S. Colored ~~Troops~~, ~~Co.~~ Light ; certificate of which enlistment, and a descriptive list, as required, accompanying this application. I never recd any certificate

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.

O C Steele

November 1866.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

I, Oliver C. Steele 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.

O C Steele

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at Weston Mo this 4 day of December 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, Jan. 30" 1867.

Respectfully returned to the Commission for the State of Missouri, with the information that Dennis Perkins was enlisted at Leavenworth Kans. December 12" 1864, and was mustered in as Pvt in Ind. Battty U. S. C. Lt Artly Dec. 14" 1864.

S. 102. Mo.

A. Terrence

Asst. Adj't General.

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ENDORSEMENT.

No. 102 K

APPLICATION OF

Oliver C Steele

OF

Platte County Mo

for compensation for service of slave Dennis Perkins

enlisted Dec 21 1864,

in ~~Co.~~ Ind Battery ~~Regiment,~~ Light Artillery Col'd

U. S. ~~Colored Troops.~~

Received Jany 14 1867,

Compensation awarded,

..... 186 ,

..... Dollars.

President Board of Claims.

P. O. Address of Applicant.

Chipman Homer & Co
Washington D C
Atty

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.*

R W Martin *Member of the Board.*

To .....

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

[FORM B.]

Oliver C. Steele claimant for compensation under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, and July 28th, 1866, for Dennis Perkins a slave, who was enlisted into the military service of the United States upon the twenty first day of December 1864 having been duly sworn declares that at the date of the enlistment of said Dennis Perkins as aforesaid, and as more fully set forth in his application, he was the lawful owner of said Dennis Perkins and obtained his title to him in the following manner: (1)

By purchase from D. C. Hunt, Admr. of the Estate of Wm D Spencer, dec'd all of Platte County, in State of Missouri, on the 26th day of July 1854

(2) O. C. Steele

John M Railey a resident of Platte County, State of Missouri and Geo W Alexander a resident of Platte County, State of Missouri having been duly sworn, declare that they are personally acquainted with Oliver C. Steele the claimant for compensation for the slave Dennis Perkins under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, and July 28, 1866, and know that said Dennis Perkins at the date of his enlistment into the military service of the United States, and for seven years previous thereto was the slave of said Oliver C. Steele They also declare that they have no interest in said claim.

Jno. M. Railey

(3) Geo W Alexander

Wm F Ballard a resident of Platte County, State of Missouri and W. G. Noble 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 Mo, and county of Platte State of Mo; that they are personally acquainted with Oliver C. Steele claimant for compensation for his slave Dennis Perkins 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.

Wm F. Ballard

(3) W G Noble

And the said Oliver C Steele 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.

(s) O. G. Steele

STATE OF Wisconsin }
County of Platte } ss.

On this 11th day of December 1864, personally appeared before me James J. Pitt a Notary Public in and for the county and State aforesaid Oliver C. Steele 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 John M. Kasley and Scott Alexander and Wm. B. Ballard and Wm. G. Noble 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.]

(s) James J. Pitt
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. 1117 K

Affidavit of Ownership and Loyalty, and Power of Attorney, in the Application of

Oliver C. Steele

For Compensation for Service of Slave.

CHIPMAN, HOSMER & CO.,
WASHINGTON, D. C.,
Attorneys for Claimant.

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss.
COUNTY OF PLATTE.

I, Geo. W. Bell, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Ex-Officio Recorder for said Court, do hereby certify that **James J. Hitt,** is and was on the 4th day of Dec A. D. 186 6 an acting Notary Public within and for said County, duly qualified and comissioned, and all of his acts as such are entitled to full faith and credit.

In testimony whereof I, Geo W Bell Clerk, as aforesaid, have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office, this 4th day of Dec A. D. 186 6

Geo W Bell, Clerk.