CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR ENLISTED SLAVE.

No. ——

I, O M Spencer a loyal citizen, and a resident of DeKalb 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 28th, 1866, for my Slave, Dempo Spencer enlisted Aug 5 1862 at Atchison Kansas by Lieut Snyder in the 83 Regiment, U. S. Colored Troops, Co. "F" certificate of which enlistment, and a descriptive list, ~~as required, accompanying this application.~~ were furnished

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 M Spencer

December 27" 1866

~~OATH~~ OF ALLEGIANCE.

I O. M. Spencer 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 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.

Sworn & subscribed before me at St Joseph Mo this 27 day of 1866 O M Spencer

J. C. Robidoux Notary Public

I hereby appoint Chipman Hosmer & Co Attorneys at Law, of Washington D C my Attorneys for me and in my name to adjust and collect the above claim; and I further authorize them to receive and receipt for such compensation as may be awarded to me

O M Spencer

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at St Joseph Mo

this 27th day of Dec 1866

J. C. Robidoux

Notary Public

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ENDORSEMENT.

No. 121 K

APPLICATION OF

O. H. Spencer

OF

DeKalb Mo

For compensation for service of Slave

Dumps Spencer

enlisted August 5 1863

in F Co. 83" Regiment,

U. S. Colored Troops.

Received Jany 14 1867

Compensation awarded

_____ 186____

_____ Dollars.

President Board of Claims

P. O. Address of Applicant,

DeKalb Mo

Chipman Hosmer & Co

Washington D. C.

Attys

War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Washington, Jan 29 1867.

Respectfully returned to the Commission for the State of Missouri, *with the information that* Dumps Spencer *was enlisted at* Atchison Kan *August 5 1863. and was mustered in as private in Co "F" 83d U.S.C.T. Sept 8 1863.*

A. J. Kenaweer

Asst. Adj't General.

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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.

O. M. Spencer claimant for compensation for Dumps Spencer 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 Dumps Spencer into the military service of the United States, he was the lawful owner of said Dumps Spencer and obtained his title to him in the following manner (1): Said Dumps Spencer was born and raised in the family from a slave mother

(2) O M Spencer

John N. Smith and Jas H. Combs having been duly sworn, declare that they are personally acquainted with O. M. Spencer the claimant for compensation for one Dumps Spencer under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, and July 28th, 1866, and know that said Dumps Spencer at the date of his enlistment into the military service of the United States, and for 20 years previous thereto, was the slave of said O. M. Spencer. They also declare that they have no interest in said claim.

(3) John N Smith
Jas H Combs

John N Smith and Jas H. Combs having first been sworn, upon their oaths declare, that they reside, respectively, in DeKalb County of Buchanan State of Missouri and DeKalb County of Buchanan, State of Missouri that they are personally acquainted with O. M. Spencer claimant for compensation for one Dumps Spencer 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) John N Smith
Jas H Combs

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss.
COUNTY OF Buchanan }

December 27" 1866

Personally appeared the above named O. M. Spencer applicant, John N. Smith and Jas. H. Combs affiants, and made oath to the truth of the foregoing statements, by them respectively subscribed.

(5) J. C. Robidoux
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. 121 1/2

AFFIDAVITS OF OWNERSHIP AND LOYALTY,

in the Application of

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for Compensation for Service of Slave.

Chas. W. Howard [redacted],

ATTORNEYS FOR CLAIMANT,

[redacted]

Washington D.C.