CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR ENLISTED SLAVE.

No. [redacted]

I, Reuben Browning, a loyal citizen, and a resident of [redacted] 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, Henry Browning, enlisted March 15, 1863 at Leavenworth Kas by Cap. Vaughorn in the 79th Regiment U. S. Colored Troops, Co. D 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.

Reuben Browning

January 19 1867

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

I Reuben Browning 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 [redacted] 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.

Reuben Browning

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at Weston Mo

this 19 day of January 1867

H J Foeman Clerk

Weston Court of Common Pleas

(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, Feb 13 1867.

Respectfully returned to the Commission for the State of Missouri, with the information that Henry Browning was enlisted at Leavenworth Kan March 15 1863. and was mustered in as private in Co. "I" 79th U.S.C.I. May 1 1863.

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Asst. Adj't General.

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ENDORSEMENT.

No. 263 K

APPLICATION OF

Reuben Browning

OF

Platte Co

For compensation for service of Slave

Hy Browning

enlisted March 15 186 3

in I Co. 79 Regiment,

U. S. Colored Troops.

Received Febry 1 186 3

Compensation awarded

_____ 186__

_____ Dollars.

_____

President Board of Claims.

P. O. Address of Applicant,

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.*

R. Reath

_____ *Member of the Board.*

To _____

Chief of the Bureau for the Organization of Colored Troops,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Reuben Browning claimant for compensation under the Acts of Congress of February 24th, 1864, and July 28th, 1866, for Henry Browning a slave, who was Enlisted into the military service of the United States, upon the 15 day of March 1863, having been duly sworn declares that at the date of the Enlistment of said Henry Browning as aforesaid, and as more fully set forth in his application, he was the lawful owner of said Henry Browning and obtained title to him in the following manner; (1)

That he owned him from infancy & raised him. That he was born the slave of affiant

(2) Reuben Browning

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

(3) Christopher Stula
James A. Miller

W B Noble and Wm Kinsor having first been duly sworn, upon their oaths declare that they reside respectively in county of State of and county of State of ; that they are personally acquainted with

claimant for compensation for slave under the Acts of Congress of February 24, 1864, and July 28, 1866, and that they know that said claimant ha firmly and faithfully maintained 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 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.

(4) W B Noble
Wm Kinsor

And the said Reuben Browning claimant further declares that in consideration of valuable services rendered and to be rendered, hath and doth employ and constitute, as Attorney, JAMES CRAIG, of Saint Joseph, Missouri, to prosecute claim for compensation which may be awarded to 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 ____ name, place and stead, for ____ and in ____ name to ask, demand, recover and receive such compensation as may be awarded as aforesaid, hereby giving and granting unto ____ 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 ____ might or could do were ____ personally present, hereby ratifying and confirming all ____ 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 ____ without the consent of ____ Attorney herein appointed.

(2) Reuben Browning

State of Missouri }
County of Platte } ss.

On this 19th day of January 1867, personally appeared before me a ____ in and for the county and State aforesaid ____ the claimant above mentioned, and made oath to the foregoing statement by ____ subscribed, and ____ 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 ____ 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.]

(3) W. F. Dacus Clerk of the Weston Court of Common Pleas

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. 263

Affidavits of Ownership and Loyalty, and Power of Attorney,

IN THE APPLICATION OF

For Compensation for Service of Slave.

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