

State of Maryland }
 City of Baltimore } ss.

On this 3rd day of January, A.D. 1868 personally
 appeared before Me, Henry Johnson late private in
 Company "H" of the 19th U. S. Colored Troops, and Benjamin
Curtis, late ^{corporal} of Company "I" of the 19th U. S. C. T.,
 Residents of Baltimore, City, Maryland, persons
 whom I certify to be credible and worthy as witnesses
 who being duly sworn, depose and say that they are both well
 acquainted with Shadrach Bolden, late of Co.
 "C" of the 19th U. S. Colored Troops, and they both know
 that he was possessed of good eyesight up to the time of
 his sickness which culminated in the loss of his sight.
 They further depose that while in Camp at Benedict
 Maryland, he was ordered with others to carry poles
 for the construction of quarters for a distance of three
 miles in very bad weather, and that from the effects
 of this excessive labor and inclement weather, he, the
 said Shadrach Bolden, was attacked with a heavy
 cold, and pain in his head, and was sent to the Hospital
 at Benedict, They further depose that they were both in
 the Hospital at the time as patients, and had every
 opportunity to observe him the said Shadrach Bolden
 and they further depose that after a few days of
 suffering he became totally blind, and has been so
 ever since, and that they have no interest in the
 slaying or death of this is supplemented evidenced

Attest
 Tho^s B. Gaither } Henry ^{his} Johnson
 Tho^s R. Clevidence } Benjamin ^{his} Curtis