

State of Maryland }  
 City of Baltimore } ss:—

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of Dec<sup>r</sup> A. D. 1864 personally appeared before me, Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, William Wells, late a private in Company "C" of the 19<sup>th</sup> U. S. Colored Troops, a resident of Baltimore City and State of Maryland, a person whom I certify to be credible and worthy as a witness, who being duly sworn, deposes and says that he knows Shadrach Bolden, who is now a claimant for Pension, and knows that he belonged to Company "C" of the 19<sup>th</sup> Regiment of U. S. Colored Troops. He further deposes that he knew the said Shadrach Bolden before entering the service, and know that he possessed perfect eyesight. He further deposes that in January, 1864 the said Shadrach Bolden was taken sick with a severe pain in his head, and soon lost the use of his legs to such an extent that he was unable to walk, he was then removed from the camp to Hospital at Benedict, Md. and after being there about a week he lost the use of his eyes, and became totally blind, and has been so ever since. He further deposes and says that he knows these statements to be true in every particular, and his knowledge of the facts is derived from intimate acquaintance with the said Shadrach Bolden, before he entered the service, and while in service, and from visits to the Hospital while he, the said Shadrach Bolden was confined therein. He further deposes and says, that to the probable cause of his indisposition, which subsequently culminated in the loss of his eyesight, was severe exposure, and excessive labor, he the said Shadrach Bolden