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Periodical Examinations by Citizen Surgeons.

The act of March 3, 1859, requires, every two years, commencing with September 4, 1859, that invalid pensioners shall present this certificate, properly executed, with their vouchers, unless their pension has been allowed by a special act of Congress, or for the loss of an arm, a leg, or for no other disability than the loss of a finger, a toe, an eye (not eyesight), or privation of some like essential part of pensioner's body. When a new army pension, or an increase, commences on or after March 4, 1867, or a new navy pension, or an increase, commences on or after July 1, 1837, the biennial examination will not be required of the former until September 4, 1869, nor of the latter until January 1, 1870. *(A description of the present condition of a disability, and how it affects the pensioner, as well as the estimate of the degree, must be in the handwriting of one of the surgeons signing the certificate, and strictly confined to that for which the pension is believed to have been originally allowed.* The degree of disability for obtaining subsistence by manual labor should be expressed as amounting to one-fourth, one-third, one-half, two-thirds, three-fourths, or total, as the case may be. If Examining Surgeons do not reside in the same town, the residence of both should be given in their certificate. The fees of Examining Surgeons not appointed for the duty must be paid by the pensioner.

This blank may be used when no appointed or Army or Navy surgeon is within thirty miles of an invalid pensioner.

STATE OF *Maryland*, COUNTY OF *Talbot*, ss:

The subscribers, practicing physicians or surgeons in the town of *Caston* do hereby certify that we have carefully examined *John Johnson*, who states that he is to be paid an invalid pension at the agency in *Baltimore*, in the State of

Maryland and find that his disability arises from incision of head and four inches of shaft of humerus. The disability as related to manual labor places him nearly in the position of one who has lost an arm. We have examined his arm & questioned him closely and discover no increase of disability.

and that his present disability for obtaining subsistence by manual labor amounts to *Total 3rd Grade*,

Dated at *Caston*, *John L. Earle* }
13th day of *October*, 1874. } *S. M. H. Bateman* } M. D.

Sworn to and subscribed before me; and I hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the above-named Doctors

and know their reputation for skill and integrity is good.

A. C. Nichols, J. P.

STATE OF *Maryland*, COUNTY OF *Talbot*, ss:

I, *Frank Surner*, Clerk of the *Circuit* Court of the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that *W. E. Meek Ely* is *a Justice of the Peace*, duly commissioned and qualified; that his commission was dated on the *18th* day of *April*, 1874, and will expire on the *Monday* of *May*, 1876; and that his signature above written is genuine.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of said County, this *15th* day of *October*, 1874.

Frank Surner Clerk.