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Necessaries of life. I wrote to the Hon. Commissioner stating the facts as I found them, and requested permission to proceed with the investigation without the usual notice and without a statement from Claimant, which request was granted by endorsement on the back of my letter - which is made an exhibit to this report.

All evidence of Marriage and non-prior marriage of both parties must be found, if at all, in Queen Anne County, Maryland.

Soldier and Claimant lived in that County in the vicinity of McGinnis, up to the time he enlisted in the U.S. Service, when she, Claimant, came to Baltimore to stay with his father till soldier's return from the Army. They never returned to Queen Anne Co. to live after his discharge, but remained in Baltimore, and he died here.

I have secured as much evidence as I could as to their Cohabitation since his return from the army, and this is the only evidence obtainable in