

City of St. Augustine }
County of St. Johns }
Territory of Florida }

Personally appeared
before me George S. Phillips a Justice of the
Peace, in and for said County, Matthew
Long who being sworn deposes and says
that on the eight day of December last, owing
to the war with the Seminoles Indians, he
was compelled to quit his plantation at
Matanzas and come to St. Augustine with
his Brother & Sister, a free woman of Color
That he only saved a part of his crop of
Corn, and had to leave his crop of Potatoes,
and Sugar Cane, and two hundred & fifteen
head of cattle, and one horse. - That he is
deprived of any support from his place owing
to the continuance of hostilities - That he
is not of any Trade and has no means at
present of gaining his livelihood or of
supporting his Family - That his Brothers
name is Joseph aged 40 - His Sister's
name Jane aged 28 - and the name of the
Free woman is Betty Randall about 15th of
age - He therefore prays that he may be
allowed to draw rations for himself & Family
from the public Store. - Matthew Long
Subscribed and Sworn
before me this 7th day of
April A.D. 1846

Geo. S. Phillips
Justice of the Peace

We the undersigned do certify that we are
personally acquainted with the Individual
above named, who has made the above affidavit, &
believe it to be a correct & true statement
Geo. Hanson
Venancio Sanchez