

From the statement made by said Viola in her affidavit, it appears that she lived with the soldier as his common law wife for over forty years, and that this relation had its inception in North Carolina; that six children were born to them; and that the claimant for reimbursement is the soldier's daughter by her, who, under her mother's admissions, filed the claim for reimbursement covering the soldier's last sickness and burial, there being no pensionable representative.

Before presuming to express any opinion as to the soldier's social status at the time of his death, it is suggested that the claimant for reimbursement be called upon to state whether or not her mother was born a slave, and when and where her mother and the soldier began cohabiting as