

ROOM 17 CUSTOM HOUSE,
BALTIMORE, MD.

July 18th, 1911.

The Commissioner of Pensions,

Sir:

Wid. of 718306

On August 2, 1910, the claim, Minor's Original No. 933,300 of Florence and Odie Anderson for minor's pension under the Act of June 27, 1890 as children of Charles James Anderson, alias James Anderson, late of Co. A, 30th U.S.C.Vol.Inf., was received in the Special Examination Division of the Bureau for special examination to determine its merits. Consolidated with said claim was that of Amelia Anderson, mother of minor claimants, and as she died a number of years ago, they were completing the same. I have not the number of the mother's claim, but that can easily be obtained from the papers under the minor's number which I have given.

On January 31, 1911 I submitted a report in the case. A few weeks later the money accruing from the widow's claim was received by Florence and Odie Anderson. At the time of my examination of the case, it was discovered that Charles L. Skinner, disbarred attorney of this city, had made demands for one-third of the pension in the event of its allowance. In view of his connection with the case, I took extra precautions to protect the recipients of the pension, to the extent of accompanying them to a local bank and identifying them so they could deposit their pension money therein. I also warned them fully of the character of Skinner, and made arrangements for them to forward to me any written demand he might make upon them for fees, etc.

I have the honor to forward herewith, letters written by said Charles L. Skinner to Florence Jones, nee Anderson, demanding pay-

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