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Hon. Wm. Lochren,

Commissioner of Pensions,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to return the papers in the above-cited claim, with my report.

This claim is one of six, selected by me from a list of 125 "Rice" cases furnished by Mr. A. J. Lloyd, forwarded me for a test examination as to the validity of every instrument of evidence involved, including the declaration.

Upon examination of the papers, I found that this was the only one of the "Rice" claims sent me in which the "Rice" declaration had not been executed before clerk of court. I therefore selected it for a test, after I had