

Baltimore Md. March 2, 1894.

Hon Commissioner of Pensions

Sir:

I have the honor to return herewith the papers in case of 635,308, Peter Mitchell 1st Sgt H. 9th U.S. Inf. and report as follows:

This is one of the so-called, "Pice-Lloyd-Hamer" case referred for special examination as to the validity of the declarations and evidence filed.

Pensioner swears that he never applied for pension under the old law knowingly while he admits his signature to the declaration of June 26, 1890 and there is no doubt of the proper execution of that paper. He positively swears, however that he never made any agreement with Lloyd as to fees, and while he says he signed the Fee Agreement he was not informed of its contents. This agreement was signed August 9, 1890 at which time he understood his pension should have commenced. Attention is invited to Lloyd's letter as an exhibit to this report, dated August 13, 1891, informing about of the allowance of his claim under new law and that he thought claim under old law would soon be granted. Lloyd must have known he was raising hopes by this letter not warranted by the evidence filed. Jas Russell swears that the man who