

Wm. H. Brooks, with deed of manumission. Also the application of Edward Jones, Liberty-Town, Fredk Co Md for two or three forms.

The President added a postscript to his letter to Maj. Foster, and prepared and transmitted a reply to the communication of Col Birney recd at this office yesterday.

The Board adjourned at 4.30 P.M.

John D. Sears

Clerk D.B. of B.

Thursday Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 1863

The Board was in session at the usual hour.

The record of yesterday's proceedings was read & approved.

The President purchased postage stamps to the amount of two dollars, and blank books for one dollar.

Several gentlemen, claimants for compensation for enlisted slaves, presented themselves with applications for information; they were promised the necessary instructions as soon as the forms are printed.

Mr. Asahel G. Wilson, Sweet Air, Balt Co. claims one slave John V. Edwards, and asks for blanks.

Col R. Sherman, E. New Market, Dorchester Co., claims two slaves Andrew & James W. Stanley; and wishes blanks sent him.

Mr. Jas Ford, Cecilton, Cecil Co., claims one slave Geo. Winson, and presented certificate of enlistment from Col Birney, certificate of ownership from the Clerk to County Commissioners, and a letter testifying to his loyalty from Hon. W. J. Jones. The papers were, at his request, returned to him, and the Clerk instructed to send him forms when printed.

Mr John M. Wheeler, Fossontown, desired to enlist a slave; the President directed him to enquire at the Headquarters of Genl Tyler for the location of the recruiting office.

Capt Tho W. Leonard, Trappe, Talbot Co., claims one slave John Bantow, — presented a note from Col Birney, with a certificate of loyalty signed by Provost Marshal Hazine & others. The President returned him his papers, with the necessary information, and promised to send him blanks.

Mr. John L. Ruth, Centreville Queen Anne's Co. Md, presented himself to claim compensation for two slaves, only one of whom had been mustered in; he was advised to correspond with Col Birney upon the subject. The Board promised to send him forms.

Mrs. Ellen Read, through Mr John L. Ruth, claims one slave John Bedford, about 22 years of age. A letter was received from Mr. J. W. Webb, Kenneyville, Kent County Md., claiming three slaves; the President replied to the communication requesting the certificates to be laid before the Board, and