State of Virginia, County of Elizabeth City, ss:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of December, A. D. 189 6, by the above-named affiant ; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant , including the words testify erased, and the words added, and acquainted them with its contents before they executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution, and that said affiants are personally well known to me, and that they are credible person .

1.

[L. S.]

T. L. Slater
(Signature.)

Notary Public
(Official Character.)

(If the officer before whom this affidavit is executed can certify, *in his own handwriting*, that he knows from personal knowledge that the affiant is a credible person, this affidavit will be much more valuable to the claimant.)

INSTRUCTIONS.

Under Order 229, of the Commissioner of Pensions, dated June 29, 1893, it is absolutely necessary in every case, *where the witness does not write his own affidavit*, that he shall close with, and *embody in his affidavit*, a statement, if it can be truthfully done, substantially as follows:

"And I (or we) further certify that the above statement was written by (here state the name of the person who writes affidavit) in my presence, and only from oral statements made to him on this (state the date) of (state the month), 189–, at (here state the name of the town or place where affidavit was written), and in making this above statement I (or we) did not use, and I (or we were) was not aided or prompted by any written or printed statement or recital prepared or dictated by any other person and not attached as an exhibit to this testimony."

If, however, *the affiant writes the affidavit himself*, he should close with, and *embody in his affidavit*, substantially the following words in his own handwriting:

"This affidavit is in my own handwriting, and I certify that in its preparation I was not aided or prompted by any written or printed statement or recital prepared or dictated by any other person."

Affidavits not made in strict conformity with these instructions will be rejected by the Pension Bureau.
This affidavit may be executed before any officer authorized to administer oaths.

Div. 8.

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

CLAIM OF

No. 444 426

Martha Charles

Mary

Co. 30 Reg. Cert.

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