

The act of Congress approved July 25, 1882, authorizes the Commissioner of Pensions to direct examinations by Boards of Surgeons. When a claimant ordered before a board finds less than a full board present, he may, if he desires, refuse to be examined and appear later before the full board. Should he be willing to proceed without a full board, the Secretary of the Board shall specify by name on the certificate of examination the members of the board present, and the applicant shall subscribe a certificate on the same paper as follows:

"I, _____, the applicant for (increase or original) pension referred to in this medical certificate, hereby consent to be examined by Dr. _____ and Dr. _____ the examining surgeons here present."

By such certificate the claimant will be held to have waived the privilege of the statute relative to examination by a full board.