

DOCUMENTS

RELATING TO THE

CLAIMS OF ANDREW J. JOHNSON AND SAMUEL M. LOVE,

FOR

*Payment for horses lost by them while in the military service of the
United States.*

JANUARY 14, 1839.

Referred, with Senate bill No. 193, to the Committee of Claims.

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STATE OF TENNESSEE, }
Hamilton county. }

Personally came before me, William M. Davis, acting justice of the peace in and for said county, Andrew J. Johnson, and after being duly sworn as the law directs, saith on oath, he served six months under the command of the late Major William Lauderdale, in the late campaign, including the years 1837 and 1838, in the Territory of Florida, in Captain Darlon A. Wilds's company of Tennessee volunteers. And the claimant further states, that he has not received from any officer or agent of the United States army, any horse, or horse equipage, or any accoutrements, mules, wagon, cart, boat, sleigh, or harness, in lieu of the property he lost some time in December, near Picolata—which was crippled by jumping it out of a lumber-boat, in crossing the St. Johns river at Picolata—with the exception of fifteen dollars, that Major Lauderdale paid said claimant for his saddle; at Volusia, and the amount of pay as horseman, from that time until discharged, which was the 10th day of May.

Given under my hand and seal, this 12th day of October, 1838.

his
ANDREW J. JOHNSON, x [L. s.]
mark.

Before me,

WILLIAM M. DAVIS,
Justice of the Peace, Hamilton county, Tennessee.

STATE OF TENNESSEE:

I, Asahel Rawlings, clerk of the county court of Hamilton county, do certify that William M. Davis, Esq., whose signature appears officially, in his own proper handwriting, to the within certificate of affidavit, is now,

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and was, at the date thereof, an acting justice of the peace in and for said county, legally elected, commissioned, and sworn into office.

[L. s.] In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal, at office in Dallas, the 4th day of December, A. D. 1838.

ASAHEL RAWLINGS, *Clerk.*

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, }
Washington city. }

Personally came before me, an acting justice of the peace in and for said District, Darlon A. Wilds, and after being duly sworn, saith on oath:

That Andrew J. Johnson did, some time in and about the 6th of December, 1837, sustain the loss of a horse in crossing the river St. Johns at Picolata.

He further states that it was not any negligence on part of the said Johnson.

The said Wilds further states that the said Johnson was a volunteer in his company, under the command of the late Major William Lauderdale, in suppressing Indian hostilities in the Territory of Florida.

And the cause of the loss of the said horse, was in consequence of not having a suitable boat to cross the river in; and the river being very shallow some distance from the shore; and, the boat being some two or three feet from the floor to the top of the guards, prepared for the purpose of conveying corn from post to post, we were compelled to cross over in the said boat, as there was no other chance, consequently we were compelled to jump our horses out of the said boat into the river; and, in so doing, the said Johnson's horse fell across the gunnel and crippled itself, so much so, that it was compelled to be abandoned the first day's march after we left Picolata, and it was not possible to do any better.

DARLON A. WILDS,

Captain commanding Tennessee volunteer spies.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, } *to wit:*
Washington county, }

The foregoing deposition subscribed and sworn to before me, this 29th day of January, 1839:

CLEMENT T. COOTE, *Justice of the Peace.*

I certify, on honor, that the horse owned by Andrew J. Johnson, in my company, and of the Tennessee battalion of mounted volunteers, under the command of Major W. Lauderdale, was lost on the 9th of December, 1837, by being badly injured and crippled in crossing the St. Johns river, in jumping out of a large flat-bottomed boat; that said injury and loss was unavoidable, and without any negligence or fault on the part of the owner, but happened in the execution of the order of the commanding officer; that said horse was unable to travel in consequence of said injury; and was abandoned by order of the commanding officer.

Given under my hand this the 30th day of April, 1838.

DARLON A. WILDS,

Captain Tennessee Volunteers.

Know all men by these presents, that I, A. J. Johnson, of Hamilton county, Tennessee, a private in Captain Wilds's company of Tennessee

volunteers, enlisted in the service of the United States, for suppressing Indian hostilities in the Territory of Florida, do hereby constitute and do appoint Captain D. A. Wilds, as aforesaid, my true and lawful attorney, for me, and in my name, to receive from the United States the amount of pay which I may be entitled to receive for my horse and equipments, which has been valued and turned over to the United States, at Fort Brooke, Tampa Bay, or otherwise lost in the service of the United States.

Witness my hand and seal, this 8th day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight.

ANDREW J. JOHNSON, ^{his} x [L. s.]
mark.

Witness:

EDWIN SMITH,
ARCHELUS SMITH.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, }
Washington county. }

Personally came before me, acting justice of the peace in and for said county, Darlon A. Wilds, formerly captain commanding a company of mounted Tennessee volunteer spies, under the command of the late Major William Lauderdale, and saith, on oath, that the following account is the true, original valuation of Samuel M. Love's and Andrew J. Johnson's horses, both belonging to the said Wilds's company of volunteers, in the campaign in the Territory of Florida, including a part of the years 1837 and 1838, of which the said horses were valued in the service by order of the commanding officer, Major William Lauderdale, by Lieutenant G. B. Gaoiney and Lieutenant E. H. Freeman.

S. M. Love's horse, valued at	-	-	-	-	\$140 00
saddle, "	-	-	-	-	10 00
bridle, "	-	-	-	-	3 00
martingale, "	-	-	-	-	2 00
blanket, "	-	-	-	-	2 50
halter, "	-	-	-	-	1 50

\$159 00

A. J. Johnson's horse, valued at	-	-	-	-	\$125 00
saddle, "	-	-	-	-	15 00
bridle, "	-	-	-	-	2 00
martingale, "	-	-	-	-	1 50
blanket, "	-	-	-	-	2 50
halter, "	-	-	-	-	1 50

147 50

Deduct for saddle, received from Major William Lauderdale - 15 00

\$132 50

Sworn before the subscriber, by Darlon A. Wilds, this 31st day of January, 1839.

CLEMENT T. COOTE, J. P.

STATE OF TENNESSEE, }
Hamilton county. }

Personally came before me, William M. Davis, an acting justice of the peace in and for said county, Samuel M. Love, and after being duly sworn, saith, on oath, that he did serve six months in the late campaign in the Territory of Florida against the Seminole Indians, under the command of the late Major William Lauderdale, in Captain D. A. Wilds's company of mounted Tennessee volunteer spies, including the years 1837 and 1838.

Claimant further states, that he has never received from any officer or agent of the United States, any horse or horses, or accoutrements, mules, wagons, boat, sleigh, harness, nor any other compensation for the same, in lieu of the property he lost in said service, with the exception of the pay as a mounted horseman, from the time the claimant lost his horse until discharged, of which the pay roll will show the department.

Claimant further states, that he has sustained the loss of one horse and rigging, consisting of horse, saddle, bridle, blanket, &c., of which he refers the department to the original valuation list, there filed by Captain Wilds, commanding the company.

Given under my hand and seal this 14th day of November, 1838.

SAMUEL M. LOVE.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 14th of November, 1838.

WILLIAM M. DAVIS,

Justice of the Peace, Hamilton county, Tennessee.

STATE OF TENNESSEE :

I, Asahel Rawlings, clerk of the county court of Hamilton county, do certify that William M. Davis, whose name appears officially, in his own proper handwriting, is now, and was, at the date thereof, an acting justice of the peace in and for said county, legally elected, commissioned, and sworn into office.

[L. s] In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal, at office in Dallas, the 4th day of December, A. D. 1838.

ASAHEL RAWLINGS, *Clerk.*

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, }
Washington city. }

Personally came before me, an acting justice of the peace in and for said District, Darlon A. Wilds, and after being duly sworn, makes the following statement relative to the loss of a horse belonging to Samuel M. Love, a private in his company, in the late campaign in Florida, including the years 1837 and 1838 : the said Wilds further states, that he did enlist the said Love into the service of the United States as a volunteer, for the term of six months, under the command of the late Major William Lauderdale, for suppressing Indian hostilities in the above named Territory : the said Wilds further states, that he was on board of the steamboat at the time Mr. Love lost his horse ; and that Mr. Love was on duty, by order of Major Lauderdale, in charge of the baggage, consequently he was compelled to ship his horse from Picolata up the St. Johns to Fort Lane, situated on the west side of Lake Harney, two or three hundred miles up the St. Johns from Picolata.

On Mr. Love's arrival at Fort Mellon, and myself being stationed at Fort Lane, some twenty or thirty miles from Fort Mellon, up the river, I got permission to go down to Fort Mellon after him and our baggage. On my arrival, I found Mr. Love very sick, consequently I prepared a passage for him and our baggage; of which we had to put his horse on a craft we made use of to freight our provisions up the river, by the assistance of a steamboat, detailed for that purpose; and in making our way through the lake, the hands on the steamboat, engaged in removing hay bales from the steamboat to the craft, struck the said horse and knocked it overboard into the said Lake Munroe; of which the said horse received a mortal wound, by falling upon an iron pin, fixed in the gunnel for the purpose of rowing the boat. It being some several miles from land, it was impossible to save the said horse; consequently sunk, not being able to get ashore. Furthermore, I do state that all exertions were made to save the said horse, and that it was not through any neglect on part of the said Love.

DARLON A. WILDS,

Captain commanding Tennessee volunteer spies.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, }
Washington county, } *to wit:*

The foregoing deposition subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of January, 1839.

CLEMENT T. COOTE, *Justice of the Peace.*

I certify, on honor, that the horse of Samuel M. Love, a private in my company of mounted Tennessee volunteers, in Florida, was drowned in Lake Monroe, when passing on board of a steamboat from Fort Mellon to Fort Lane, in obedience to an order of the commanding officer, being by accident thrown overboard, without any fault or negligence of the owner, on the 25th of December, 1837; that said Love was, on the same day, remounted on a horse furnished by me.

Given under my hand this 30th day of April, 1838.

DARLON A. WILDS,

Captain Tennessee Volunteers.

Know all men by these presents, that I, Samuel M. Love, of Hamilton county, Tennessee, a private in Captain D. A. Wilds's company of Tennessee volunteers, enlisted in the service of the United States, for suppressing Indian hostilities in the Territory of Florida, do hereby constitute and do appoint Captain D. A. Wilds, as aforesaid, my true and lawful attorney, for me, and in my name, to receive from the United States the amount of pay which I may be entitled to receive for my horse and equipments, which has been valued and turned over to the United States, at Fort Brooke, Tampa Bay, or otherwise lost in the service of the United States.

Witness my hand and seal this 8th day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight.

SAMUEL M. LOVE, [L. s.]

Witness:

A. D. PEARY.