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The State of South Carolina

Affair District

I hereby appoint my friend  
Thos. C. Perrin my attorney for me & in my  
name to receive & receipt for all sums of  
money that may be due to me for my  
slave Martin who died in the summer  
of the county on the coast near Charle-  
ton. Witness my hand and seal this

13 Jan'y 1864.

Thos. W. Childs

In presence of  
Saml Perrin

New Market, S. C., Sept 14, 1863.

Received of Thomas W Childs, the following named negro slaves,  
Ben derson about 31 years of age and Martin 24  
years - furnished 2 half worn shovels

furnished for labor on the Coast.

J. L. Lipscomb Sub Agent



State of South Carolina,  
Abbeville District } Personally appeared before  
me Daniel Rump & being duly sworn, on oath  
sworn, that he was employed as an overseer of Negroes  
for Coast defence on Sullivan Island, & that he had  
under his care a Negro Boy named Martin, <sup>the slave of J. W. Childers</sup> that  
said Boy died on or about the 25<sup>th</sup> of October last 1863 in  
the service of the State  
sworn to before me this  
7<sup>th</sup> day of December 1863

W. G. Keller  
Magistrate

Daniel Rump

no 4

State of South Carolina,  
Abbeville District } Personally appeared before  
me John C. Childers James Steiff & being duly sworn  
sworn, that they have been called by Thomas  
W. Childers to appraise a certain Boy named Martin  
<sup>the slave of J. W. Childers</sup>  
who died on the Coast in the service of the Country, &  
that they are well acquainted with said Boy & value  
him at Four thousand Dollars  
sworn to before me this  
8<sup>th</sup> day of December 1863

W. G. Keller  
Magistrate

John C. Childers  
James Steiff

no 5



State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville District } Personally appeared before  
me Thomas W. Childs of the State & District aforesaid  
& being duly sworn, on oath saith, that he is the  
owner of a certain Negro Boy named Martin who ~~at~~  
at the time of his death was about 24 years of age,  
said Negro was an excellent field hand, had a good  
Constitution, large & stout, & at the time of his im-  
-prisonment, was in good health, & to the best of his  
Knowledge & belief said Negro Martin died on or  
near Sullivan Island, sometime in the month  
of Oct 1863. Said Negro was imprisoned on the 14th  
Sept 1863 for the period of thirty days. The Boy Martin  
was imprisoned under an order from W. M. Skinner  
State apt & Rect for by J. C. Lipscomb Sub apt.  
Said Boy was under the supervision (as owner) of David  
Racopy. Thos. W. Childs

Sworn to before me this  
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Magistrate



State of South Carolina }

Abbeville District

} Personally appeared before me

Samuel A. Wilson & being duly sworn testify that he has read the affidavit of Thomas W. Childs & can fully corroborate the statements made therein  
Sworn to before me this

S. A. Wilson

8<sup>th</sup> day of December 1863

W. J. Keller  
Magistrate

no 2

State of South Carolina }

Abbeville District

} Personally appeared before me

J. C. Lipscomb of the State & District aforesaid & being duly sworn on oath testify that he did on the 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 1863 receive from Thomas W. Childs a Negro Boy named Martin age about 24 years and gave him a receipt for said negro.

Sworn to before me this

7<sup>th</sup> December 1863

W. J. Keller  
Magistrate

before

J. C. Lipscomb  
Sub agent

no 3



State of South Carolina, )

Abbeville . DISTRICT. )

I, *Thomas W. Childs* - of the District and State aforesaid, do hereby constitute and appoint *Thomas C. Perrin* my true and lawful Attorney for me, and in my name to receive from the State of South Carolina any and all moneys that may be now due, or coming, and payable to me by the said State for

*my slave Martin who died in the service of the County constructing the defenses near Charleston, about the day of October 18 1863.*

, and on receipt thereof, or of any part thereof, receipts or other sufficient discharges for the same for me, and in my name to make, sign, seal and deliver; and generally to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever, requisite and necessary in the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as I might or could do if personally present.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the *twentieth* day of *January* Anno Domini, 186*4*..

*Thos. W. Childs*



Sealed and Delivered in the presence of }

BE IT KNOWN, that on the *twentieth* day of *January* Anno Domini 186*4*), before me personally came *Thomas W. Childs* and acknowledged the above letter of Attorney to be his act and deed.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal, the day and year last above written.



*Thos. Thoman Notary Public.*

NOTE.—One witness to the execution of the above letter of Attorney is sufficient. The acknowledgment following the letter must be before a Notary Public, or the Clerk of a Court of Record in this State, authorized to use a seal in authenticating his official acts.



Mt Pleasant, So Cal.

I hereby certify that Reaction, slave of Thos Childs of Abbeville Dist, died in my Hospital with Affection of Brain on 25<sup>th</sup> Octob<sup>r</sup> 1863, contracted on Sullivans Island while in Government employ, under Capt Lee as Engineer and Mr Daniel Ramsey as nurse.

This 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 1863.

Henry M. Peyles

Asst-Surg in charge.

Sworn to before me

10<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1863

Wm. H. Thomson

Magistrate



State of South Carolina.

In the matter of the claim of  
Thomas W Chiles  
for a slave lost in the public service.

} Report of the State Auditor,

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the said State.

From the affidavit of the claimant, and the evidence adduced in support of his claim, it appears, that he is a resident of Abbeville District in said State, and was the owner of a slave named Martin, who was impressed on the fourteenth day of September 1863, by Wm Shannon acting under

the authority of the State of South Carolina, to work for one month, on the military fortifications then being constructed by the Confederate Government, at or near Sullivan Island. That the said slave, at the time of his said impressment, was 24 years old, and sound and healthy

That he was retained in the said service for about one month, under the charge of Paul Ramsey, during which time, and while in said service, he contracted disease

That he died of the disease so contracted, without the default of his owner, at Sullivan Island on the 25 Oct 1863. And that the just and true value of the said slave, at the time of his impressment, was by the app<sup>l</sup> of two witnesses four thousand dollars.

The facts of ownership, soundness, impressment and employment of the said slave, are verified by the affidavits of the Claimant, & Paul Ramsey Ham<sup>l</sup> & Wilson

The death of the slave, from disease contracted while in the public services, and the circumstances attending the same, are verified by the affidavits of the same parties

and the value of the slave is appraised upon oath by Wm Chiles & Jas Steple at \$4,000 citizens of Abbeville District.

The credibility of the affiants and appraisers is attested by Wm Keller Esquire Magistrate for Abbeville Dist

Upon this evidence I find the facts in this matter to be as hereinbefore stated, and thereupon, hereby allow to the said claimant his said claim for four thousand dollars.

Respectfully submitted with the evidence.

James Puffer  
Auditor of So. Ca.

Office of State Auditor,  
Columbia, 10 Dec 1863.

*10 Dec 1863. Reduced to \$1800 -*