

John Betts

American Sumner
Georgia

Applicant for Pardon
in
13 Clause

Sept 25/65

Worth over \$2,000

Executive Office
Provisional Govt of Geo
Milledgeville Aug 23. 1865.

I recommend pardon
& amnesty for this
applicant, satisfied
with the facts & truth
of his petition, & that
he will make a legal
and useful citizen

J. Johnson
Dir Gov of Geo

United States of America

State of Georgia

County of Sumter

To his Excellency Andrew Johnson President of the United States, the petition of the Under signed John Batts a planter aged fifty years, a citizen of the County of Lee and State aforesaid represents, that under the the 13th Clause of the Amnesty Proclamation of your Excellency of the date of 29th May 1865. he is excepted from the benefits of the Amnesty therein granted,

That tho he doubts if he be worth twenty thousand dollars, yet he may be worth three hundred more.

That he admits, himself to have voluntarily participated in the late rebellion, having, been honestly convinced that he was acting for the best. That he now submits to the Government of the United States with equal honesty - That he has taken the oath hereto attached, in good faith, & with the honest intent to keep the same, & hereafter to obey the laws & support the Government of the United States. That soon after the publication of Gen. Sherman's Order in reference to the freedom of the Slaves he informed his negroes thereof & since then he has been employing them as free & proper wages. That the

United States has not taken possession
of any portion of his property, nor has
any proceedings been instituted in
the U.S. Courts against him for treason
or Conspiracy against the United
States, nor has he in his possession
any property belonging to the so
called Confederate States

That, under these circumstances
he respectfully makes this application
for special pardon & such clemency
as may be consistent with the peace and
dignity of the United States John Batts

Virginia Sheriff of said County
Before me Littleton P. Parman
Ordinary of said County this day
came John Batts the above petitioner
who on oath swears that the facts set forth
in the foregoing petition are true & that
he is not excluded from Amnesty even
if it be by virtue of said thirteenth
clause of the Amnesty proclamation
Shown to & subscribed before
me this 16th August 1865. John Batts

L. P. Parman
Ordinary -



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

State of Georgia,) I, John Batt . of
SUMTER COUNTY.) the County of Lee

and State of Georgia, do solemnly swear or affirm, in presence of Almighty God, that I will henceforth faithfully defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Union of the States thereunder; and that I will, in like manner, abide by and faithfully support all Laws and Proclamations which have been made during the existing rebellion, with reference to the Emancipation of Slaves. So help me God.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me, this 16 day of August, 1865.

John Batt
L. P. Demian . Ordinary.