

COMMISSIONERS OF CLAIMS,

ACT MARCH 3D, 1871.

No.

21427 36.612

REPORT ON CLAIM

OF

Eliza James

OF THE STATE OF

Georgia

Submitted to Congress Dec. 1874.

Amount Allowed. \$ 300.00

The Claim of *Francis Brown*, of *Liberty Co*, in the State of *Ga*

No. of Item.	NATURE OF CLAIM.	AMOUNT CLAIMED.		AMOUNT ALLOWED.		AMOUNT DISALLOWED.		REMARKS.
		Dollars.	Cts.	Dollars.	Cts.	Dollars.	Cts.	
✓ 8	Hogg	80		50		30		
✓ 12	bush Corn	12		12				
✓ 15	bush Rice	30		15		15		
✓	Fowls & Clothes	23				23		
	Total	145		77		68		

REMARKS.

The claimant was a slave, but was allowed to acquire and own the property for which compensation is claimed - It was taken by Gen Sherman's Army just before Christmas according to the testimony of claimant and her witnesses - He allowed \$77.

A. D. Aldis } *Comrs*
W. B. Howell } *of*
O. Ferris } *Claims*

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No. 187

PETITION

OF
Francis Brewer

TO THE
COMMISSIONERS OF CLAIMS.

Residence of Claimant Liberty
County Georgia

Nature of Claim For Stores

Taken by genl Sherman
Army

Amount claimed, \$145 00
Husner & Co

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PETITION.

To the Honorable Commissioners of Claims,

Under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1871, Washington, D. C.:

The Petition of Francis Brown

respectfully represents:

That he is a citizen of the United States, and reside at present at or near
 [2] Oakland Farm Liberty County Georgia
 and that he resided when this claim accrued at or near [3] at Oakland Plantation as aforesaid.

That he has a claim against the United States for property [4] Taken
 for the use of the army of the United States during the late rebellion at (or near) Oakland Farm No 3 Albany & Gulf Road Road
Georgia, in the county of Liberty, and State of Georgia

That the said claim, stated by items, and excluding any and all items of damage, destruction, and loss, (and not use,) of property; of unauthorized or unnecessary depredations by troops and other persons upon property, or of rent or compensation for the use or occupation of buildings, grounds, or other real estate, is as follows:

No. of Item	QUANTITIES AND ARTICLES.	VALUE.
1	9 Head of Hogs	\$ 90 00
2	12 Bushels of Corn	12 00
3	15 Bushels of Rice	30 00
4	15 Head of Mangard Poultry	6 00
5	1 Large Bull and other Clothing	17 00
Total,		\$145 00

Note 1. Give full names of all the petitioners.
 2. Give the residence of each petitioner.
 3. Give the former residence of each petitioner.
 4. "Taken," or "furnished."

That the property in question was taken or furnished for the use of a portion of the army of the United States, known as Army of the Army and commanded by General Ripartroth and that the persons who took or received the property, or who authorized or directed it to be taken or furnished, were the following:

NAME	RANK	CO.	Regiment, Corps or Station.

That the property was removed to the camp of the army and used for or by the United States Army all this on or about the 15th day of December, in the year 1864.

That no voucher, receipt, or other writing, was given for the property

That your petitioner verily believe that the property described was taken under the following circumstances, or one or more of such circumstances, viz:

1. For the actual use of the army, and not for the mere gratification of individual officers or soldiers already provided by the Government with such articles as were necessary or proper for them to have.
2. In consequence of the failure of the troops of the United States to receive from the Government in the customary manner, or to have in their possession at the time, the articles and supplies necessary for them, or which they were entitled to receive and have.
3. In consequence of some necessity for the articles taken, or similar articles; which necessity justified the officers or soldiers taking them.
4. For some purpose so necessary, useful, beneficial, or justifiable as to warrant or require the Government to pay for it.
5. Under the order or authority of some officer, or other person connected with the army, whose rank, situation, duties, or other circumstances at the time authorized, empowered, or justified him in taking or receiving it, or ordering it to be taken or received.

That no

of the original owner of said claim, and that of the present owner of the same no

That your petitioner remained loyally adherent to the cause and the Government of the United States during the war, and was so loyal before and at the time of the taking of the property for which this claim is made, and she solemnly declare that, from the beginning of hostilities against the United States to the end thereof, her sympathies were constantly with the cause of the United States; that she never, of her own free will and accord, did anything, or offered, or sought, or attempted to do anything, by word or deed, to injure said cause or retard its success, and that she was at all times ready and willing, when called upon, or if called upon, to aid and assist the cause of the Union, or its supporters, so far as her means and power, and the circumstances of the case, permitted.

Note 5. Describe the organization as fully and particularly as possible.

6. State as well as can be done the place to which the property was conveyed.

7. State as fully and minutely as possible, the particular persons or commands using the property, and to what particular uses it was applied or intended to be applied.

8. If any vouchers or written papers were given, attach the originals or copies, or state where the originals are to be found and give the substance of them.

9. "Taken" or "furnished."

10. The loyalty of the owner of the property when taken or furnished, and of all persons having a present beneficial interest in the claim, must be established by proof.

11. If any other persons than the original owner now own or have an interest in the claim, state how such ownership or interest was acquired.

That said claim has not before been presented to any Department of the Government;

That James M. Simms is hereby authorized and empowered to act as Attorney for the prosecution of this claim. Wherefore your petitioner pray for such action of your Honorable Commission in the premises as may be deemed just and proper.

Witnesses:

Joseph Ashmun (13) Francis Brown

STATE OF Georgia
COUNTY OF Liberty

(14) Francis Brown
being duly sworn (15)

deposes and says, that he is Francis Brown the petitioner named in the foregoing petition and who signed the same; that the matters therein stated are true, of the deponent's own knowledge, except as to those matters which are stated on information and belief, and as to those matters he believes them to be true; and deponent further says that he did not voluntarily serve in the Confederate army or navy, either as an officer, soldier, or sailor, or in any other capacity, at any time during the late rebellion; that he never voluntarily furnished any stores, supplies, or other material said to said Confederate army or navy, or to the Confederate government, or to any officer, department or adherent of the same in support thereof, and that he never voluntarily accepted or exercised the functions of any office whatsoever under, or yielded voluntary support to, the said Confederate government.

Witnesses:

Joseph Ashmun Francis Brown

Sworn and subscribed in my presence, the 14 day of September 1872

Names and residences of witnesses who will be relied upon to prove loyalty:
Joseph James G. Liberty County
Charles Jones of Liberty County

Names and residences of witnesses who will be relied upon to prove the other facts alleged in the foregoing petition:

Joseph James G. Liberty County
Charles Jones of Liberty County

Post office address of claimant: Box 19 G. Rail Road

Post office address of attorney: Covington Georgia

NOTE 12. If the claim has heretofore been presented to any branch of the Government, state when and where presented, and what action was taken upon it.

13. Claimants sign here.

14. Give the names of all the petitioners.

15. If more than one petitioner, insert the words "each for himself," and in the next line insert "one of" in the proper blanks.

No. 20638

CLAIM

Francis Brown

Liberty County

Georgia

\$ 145.00

APPLICATION

TO HAVE TESTIMONY TAKEN BY SPECIAL COMMISSIONER

Virgil Hillier Esq.

W H Sykes

J C

Savannah Ga

Attorney.

DIRECTIONS.

- NOTE 1.—Insert number of the Claim.
- 2.—"Taken" or "furnished."
- 3.—Describe the military organization by name as fully and particularly as possible.
- 4.—State as well as can be done, the place to which the property was conveyed for the use of the army.
- 5.—State as fully and minutely as is possible, the particular persons or commands using the property, and to what particular use it was applied.
- 6.—The claimant's name should be signed here, either by himself or his attorney.

No. 20638

BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS OF CLAIMS.

Under Act of Congress of March 3, 1871.

In the matter of the Claim of Francis Brown Colonel U.S.A.
 of Oakland Farm, in the County of Liberty
 and State of Georgia

Comes now the claimant, before Virgil Hillier, Esq.,
 Special Commissioner for the State of Georgia, and
 represents that he has heretofore filed with the above-named Commissioners a
 Petition for the allowance of a claim for property taken for the use of
 the army of the United States, which claim, as stated below, does not exceed the
 sum of five thousand dollars.

That the said claim, stated by items, and excluding therefrom all such items
 as refer to the DAMAGE, DESTRUCTION, and LOSS, and not the USE, of property;
 to unauthorized or unnecessary DEPREDATIONS of troops and other persons upon
 the property, or to RENT or compensation for the occupation of buildings, grounds,
 or other real estate, is as follows:

No. of Item	QUANTITIES AND ARTICLES.	VALUE.	
		Doll.	Cts.
1	8 Head of Hogs	80	00
2	12 Bushels of Corn	12	00
3	15 Bushels of Rice	30	00
4	15 Head of Pasture and Poultry	6	00
5	a Large Suit with other Clothing	7	00
Total.		145	00

That, as stated in the Petition referred to, the property in question was taken from or furnished by Francis Brown of Lowland Park, in the State of Georgia, for the use of a portion of the army of the United States, known as the Sherman's Army and commanded by Genl. K. P. Johnston and that the persons who took or received the property, or who authorized or directed it to be taken or furnished, were the following:

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	Regiment, Corps or Station.

That the property was removed to (4) _____ and used for or by (5) _____; all this on or about the 15 to 21 day of December, in the year 1864. as appears by the petition presented to the Commissioners.

That by the following named persons, the claimant expects to prove that, from the beginning of hostilities against the United States to the end thereof, his sympathies were constantly with the cause of the United States; that he never, of his own free will and accord, did anything, or offered, or sought, or attempted to do anything, by word or deed, to injure said cause or retard its success, and that he was at all times ready and willing, when called upon, or if called upon, to aid and assist the cause of the Union, or its supporters, so far as his means and power, and the circumstances of the case, permitted.

Joseph James of Liberty County
Cesar Jones of Liberty County
 _____ of _____
 _____ of _____
 _____ of _____

That, by the following named persons, the claimant expects to prove the taking or furnishing of the property for the use of the army of the United States:

_____ of _____
 _____ of _____
 _____ of _____
 _____ of _____
 _____ of _____

The claimant now prays that the testimony of the witnesses just designated be taken and recorded, at such place and at such time as the Special Commissioner may designate, at the reasonable cost of the said claimant; and that due notice of the time and place of the taking thereof be given to the Claimant, or to his counsel.

Submitted on this third day of June, 1873.

Francis Brown Claimant.
W. H. Styles Attorney.

P. O. Address of Attorney:

Savannah Ga





No. 20638

CLAIM OF

Frances Brown

OF
Liberty County,
State of Georgia
U.S.A.

TESTIMONY OF

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TAKEN BEFORE

Virgil Hill,
Special Commissioner,
State of Georgia
W. H. Fisher
of Savannah,
Attorneys.

June 13/74

RECORDED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONERS

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Before the Commissioners of Claims.

ACT OF CONGRESS, MARCH 3, 1871.

Case of Francis Brown
No. 30638

It is hereby certified, that on the 1st day of August 1873, at Dalton, in the county of Liberty and State of Georgia, personally came before me the following persons, viz:

Francis Brown Claimant,
W. H. Sykes Counsel, or Attorney,
and Caran Jones
Joseph James Claimant's Witnesses,

for the purpose of a hearing in the above entitled cause.

Each and every deponent, previous to his or her examination, was properly and duly sworn or affirmed by me to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, concerning the matters under examination; and the testimony of each deponent was written out by me, or in my presence, and as given before me, and subsequently read over to said deponent, by whom it was also subscribed in my presence.

Witness my hand and seal this 1st day of August 1873.



Virgil Kilgus
Special Commissioner of the Commissioners of Claims.
State of Georgia

Deposition of Francis Brown

In answer to the First General Interrogatory, the Deponent says:

My name is Francis Brown, my age 30 yrs, years, my residence Liberty County, in the State of Georgia, and my occupation as farmer. I am related to the claimant, and have a beneficial interest in the claim.

[NOTE: The Claimant should always be first examined when present, in which case the words "related to" as printed immediately above, should be stricken out.]

Francis Brown
vs
United States } Before Special Commissioner
} Receives Liberty County Ga

Testimony of Claimant
Subscribed by Special Commissioner.
My name is Francis Brown, I was born in Liberty County, a Slave, and became free when the army came here, I am about 30 years of age. I used to reside on Oakland plantation in Liberty County Georgia I farm for a living and am the Claimant in this case.

- 2 From the first of April 1861 to the 1st Jan 1865 I resided on Oakland Plantation
- 3+4 Inlevant;
- 5 to 25 inclusive to each and every question Claimant answer "no".
- 26 My Master used to give us "big threats" if we been caught talking about the Yankees they threaten to whip us if we ever been have anything to do with every body who was in favor of the Yankee
- 27 My Master never came his threats with execution
- 28 I never had an opportunity to contribute anything I was a slave and could not do so.
- 29 After the Yankee came to my house I cooked and did everything, I could for



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- them all the time they staid
 3 to 39 inches in to each & every question the
 claimant answers no:—
- 40 At the beginning of the war or when I first
 heard of it I was rejoiced at it. We used to
 talk about it among ourselves the colored
 people & all were glad. I was on the Yankee
 side all the way through!
- 41 In evidence I solemnly declare that from
 the beginning of the war to its end my
 feelings were all the time, with the Union
 side & that I never did or tried to do any
 thing against the other side & that so far as my
 means & power & the circumstances of the case
 permitted I was always ready & willing, to aid
 that side
- 42 At the beginning of the war I was a slave & he
 came free when the Union Army came here.
 After my freedom I kept right on farming.
 I raised the article specified in my petition.
 I first worked by task & raised corn &c & the lady
 I was named after made me a present of a pig
 let & I raised & sold fowls & bought one sow
 pig. I then raised pigs from that sow. I
 could not remember how long it was I raised &
 sold in this way; it was when I was a little young
 girl I began I kept on in this way until the
 Army came here. Mr G. Martin was my
 former master I am not now in his

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- employ. I do not live on his land, I do not live
 on land purchased of him I am not indebted
 to my old master, no one has any interest in
 this claim besides myself, it all belongs to me.
- Indict of interrogatories by Special Commissioner
- 1st I was present when this property was taken
 from me.
- 2 I saw all this property taken.
- 3 They said when they first came up that they
 wanted forage. They when they first came
 I made them a present of peat & sweet potatoes,
 futher horses, & then they went on & pulled
 themselves to all the property.
- 4 This property was taken at my home on Oak
 land plantation. It was taken in Decr 1864
 because it was not long to Christmas but I don't
 remember the year. It was taken by Genl
 Patrick's Soldiers. The soldiers enough taken there
 taking. 4 came to my house first. They were a
 part of 2 days taking the property.
- 5 Caspar Jones, Joe James, Leinda Jones & myself
 were there at the taking of my property.
- 6 I did not see any officers there with the sol-
 diers at the taking. I did not hear any body give
 orders to have the property taken.
- 7 They shot the logs down, & put them in the wagon.
 They took the corn out of the room, & carried it
 out & put it in the wagon. They put the rice
 into sacks & put it in the wagon. The rice was

in the house. They shot & knocked down the cows
& put them in the wagon. They took the 2 bed
quilts & 3 drees & put rice in them & carried
them & put them in the wagon.

8 They removed this property from my house
in wagons.

9 They removed this property from my house to
the camp at Midway Church. I started to go
to the camp but I got scared at so many sol-
diers & turned back.

10 I know the use for which this property was
taken. They took it to feed the horses. They
called built for the houses & I saw them us-
ing it to feed them.

11 I made no complaints to any of the officers
on account of such taking.

12 I did not ask any of them for a receipt or a
receipt, I was glad I had it for them to take.

13 It was taken in the day time.

14 The Army was encamped near there, when they
took this property, at Midway Church, Gen. S.
Kilpatrick's army were encamped there. They
were there 3 weeks, foraging all through the
county. The country looked dreadful when
they left. I did not know any of the quar-
termasters or other officers of the army.
I have had been no battles nor skirmishes
about there. There was no time here to have
any "skirmish" with the rebels but see

dadled.

15 The condition of this property was good when
taken. The rice was in the house, & the flour,
fat, & the corn & hulls.

16 Item No 1. - I had 8 head of hogs. They were
large & middling sized. 5 head were large. I think
these would weigh about 100 lbs apiece. I think
the other 3 would average about 50 lbs each.
The largest ones were I think about 4 or 5
years old. The smaller ones between 3 & 4 years
old. I think I raised these hogs myself.
They shot these hogs down & took them off
in the wagons.

Item No 2. - I had 12 bush of shelled corn
measured. They took it away in wagon. I had
2 bush, & a half of corn planted. It was ~~shelled~~

Item No 3. - I had 15 bush of rough rice. It was
measured. This corn & rice was of my own raising.
I had $4\frac{1}{2}$ bush, planted in rice. This was all
taken away in wagons.

Item No 4. - I had 15 head of hounds. They
shot them & flunged them & knocked them
down & killed them. They tied them up & flung
them in the wagons.

Item No 5. - I had 2 quilts taken from me.
I had 3 drees taken. They were fine drees.
They had not sacks enough to take the rice so
they tied up the drees & put the rice in them.
This property all belonged to me. I got it by my

own industry & hard work. The soldiers did not
pay me for any part of this property. This is the
first & only claim I have ever presented to Gov-
for it.

Frances X. Brown,
maid

Witness

E. C. Adlington.

Sworn to and subscribed before me

Virgil Kilgus
Special Commissioner
State of Georgia

Testimony of Witness.

Interrogation by Special Commissioner.
My name is, Cesare Jones. I was born on
Oakland plantation Seibutz Co. Ga. a slave,
became free when the Army came here in
the year 1864. My master's name was Bill
G. Martin. I was 22 years old. I live at
Jones plantation near Penna farm. I know
Frances Brown the claimant in this case. I am
not related to her. I have no beneficial inter-
est in her claim. I have known her as long as
I know any body. She was a good Union wo-
man all through the war. Oh yes sir she was a
Union.

2nd set of interrogations by Special Commissioner.

1st I was present when this property was taken

2 I saw it all taken

3 They all came up & said good evening & they were

4
hungry, & they wanted food. They went ahead then
& took the property

4 The property was taken at Claimant's house
on Oakland plantation in Dec month 1864
By Kell Patrick's company. I couldn't tell how
many soldiers there were there, a great many of
them. They didn't take it all in one day, they
were parts of 2 days in taking it.

5 Joseph James, & myself, the claimant &
Abram Reese & Seinda Jones, were there at
the taking of the property.

6 There were up stairs there that I know of, &
I couldn't tell the officers from the soldiers there.
I did not see or hear any negative orders to take
the property.

7 The boys were right in the yard & they came in
there & killed them, & put them in the large
wagon & carried them off the place. The cow
was right in the room & the rice too, & they took
them, & put them in the wagon, & laid up the
rice in the stacks, because they didn't have
picks enough. They caught the fowls & killed
some, & some they took off alive.

8 They removed this property in a large wagon &
some of the poultry they carried alive in horse
back.

9 They removed this property in the direction of
Midway & I heard they camped there so I
think they took it there but I didn't go with

- them to camp.
- 10 I suppose they took this property for the use of the horses & themselves, I didn't see them cook any spit for themselves, but I saw them feed the grain some of it to their horses, that is all I saw used.
 - 11 I did not hear anyone make any complaint to the officers either the claimant or anyone else for her.
 - 12 I did not hear her ask for any vouchers or receipts for the property.
 - 13 This property was taken on Wednesday.
 - 14 When they took this property people said that the Army were encamped at Midway I don't know of myself because I did not go there. It was Neil Patrick's Army there I think they staid there some 3 weeks. I did not know the Quarter master's or any of the other officers of the Army there.
 - 15 This property was in fine condition when taken.
 - 16 Item No 1. - She had 8 head of hogs, I think about half of them were large & think there would weigh about 100 lbs a piece. These other were about one half grown & I think they would weigh about half as much, 40 or 50 lbs when they killed some of these, & carried some away alive by tying them.
 - Item No 2. - She had about 25 bus ~~she~~

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I saw in the ear, what they calculated would make about 12 bus of shelled corn. I saw them measure the ears. I saw her measure it after she done head it in, & then it was in ears. They took it & put it in to wagons.

Item No 3. - About 10 bus of rough rice in the I saw it measured after they had done thrashing it. They put it into wagons.

Item No 4. - She had 15 head of fowls. They killed some & took some away alive.

Item No 5. - I saw them take the quilts & the clothing. They used one of the quilts to tie up rice in, & the other they took on the horse & the clothing was used for sacks to tie up rice in. This property all belonged to the claimant. I know because ever since I had sense to know she fed & took care of it, & no one else claimed it & I supposed it all belonged to her. I saw the soldiers take all this property away with them. The claimant was a good farmer all the time till now & now too, & a hard working, industrious woman.

Cedar Jones
Sworn to and subscribed before me
Virgil Hillier
Special Commissioner
State of Georgia

Testimony of Witness.

Interrogatories by Special Commissioner.
My name is Joseph James I was born in Scotland & he is Col Quartermaster's place, a slave, became free when the Army came here in Dec. My master was Col Joseph Quartermaster I am 47 years old. I reside now on Arcadia plantation Liberty Co Ga. I am a regular farmer I know the claimant Thomas Brown. I am not related to her. I have no beneficial interest in her claim. I have known her for some 9 or 10 years before the war. She was a good Union woman during the war.

2nd set of interrogatories by Special Commissioner

1st I was present when this property was taken from her by the soldiers.

2 I saw the property taken as of it.

3 They said if they wanted the things to eat to feed the horses. They went on then & took what they wanted.

4 This property was taken from claimant's house on Oakland plantation in Dec I can't remember the year but before Christmas the year the raid came through. There were a good many soldiers there taking the property. 30 or 40. They were not more than 1 day but they took it in parts of 2 days.

5 Myself & wife, & Harry Parker, Caesar James Scinda Jones & the claimant were the only

the taking of the property.

6 I saw one officer there I think a lieutenant. He belonged to Neil Patrick's company. He ordered the soldiers to take the property & said he would give us satisfaction & that they ^{were} traveling a long distance & were out of provisions.

7 This property was taken in this way. They sent these boys & took them off in the wagon. They raided these boys from pigs & they went into her house took the corn & rice & put them into bags & into the wagon. The fowl they killed & put them in the wagon. They went into the house & took the clothing & bedding & put it on with them.

8 They removed this property from there in January.

9 They removed it to Midway Church camp. I know because I had been there a few days before & they had built the one short road to go on.

10 They said they wanted the rice & corn & said the horses, pig, the poultry & boys they wanted to eat themselves. They beat out some of the rice there, sugar & my boy, helped them beat some of it. I saw them feed out some of the rice & corn there.

11 I did not hear claimant make any complaint to anyone on account of the taking of this property.

12 I did not hear her ask anyone for a receipt
or voucher.

13 This property was taken in the fore day time
& in the morning.

14 When they took this property the Army was
encamped in that neighborhood at Midway
Church 4 miles from Oakland. It was Gen
Kilpatrick's Army encamped there. There had
been no battles nor skirmishes there. They could
find no one to fight with. They were likely to
meet the rebels. They staid there in camp a
little over 3 weeks. They were foraging about
& looking to see if they could find any of the
Rebels about. They brought to the camp all
they could get - horses, pigs, corn, rice, & fowls
& all such things. They took it all to camp
& put it in the hands of a quartermaster or
some officer & then they distributed it out.
I did not know any of the quartermaster or
other officers of the Army.

15 This property was all in good order. The fowls
& the poultry & the rice & corn had been gather-
ed & put away.

16 Item No 1. - She had 8 head of hogs, some
large ones. 4 or 5 large fat & in good order.
The large ones 3 of them would weigh about
100 lbs a piece. 2 of them 80 or 90 lbs a piece.
The other 3 from 30 to 40 lbs a piece. These
hogs were all of her own raising. She bought the

mother of them from a pig raised from her.
I saw them kill these hogs put them into the
wagons & start off towards the camp.

Item No 2. - 12 bush of corn. It was in the year
& just before the said came she had it thrashed
out. It was measured & in a box. They put it
in bags & when they had no bags enough they
took 3 or 4 of the drops & tied the sacks
together & made a bag of them.

Item No 3. - About 15 bush of rough rice.
It was measured. They took it just as they
did the corn.

Item No 4. - She had about 15 head of fowls
not all full grown, but some were young &
some old fowls all full size. They killed
them with sticks, & run some down.

Item No 5. - I saw them take 2 bed quilts
& 3 drops from her. They put the rice & corn
in the drops & the quilts they folded & took
along with them to the camp.

This property all belonged to the planter and I saw
her have it all & care for it & raise it all, & I
know it was hers I saw it. She worked at
farm work & work for the master by the
task. Her master worked all of his slaves
by the task. She was a hard working industri-
ous woman, very much so, up to today. Her
master had 6 working hands. He had place
of his at Oakland & some up at his other

10
Please I don't know how many. He was a pretty
fair master.

Witness

Joseph ^W James
Mark

E. E. Allington.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
Virgil Hilliges
Special Commissioner
State of Georgia

In the case of)
Francis Brown)
v. S.)
United States)
Before Special Commission
Virgil Hilliges
Richard Liberty County
Georgia

We have no further testimony to offer in the
above case and hereby submit the same for the
consideration of the Hon Commissioner
W. H. Sykes
Claimant Comid

[LAST PAGE.]

REMARKS BY THE SPECIAL COMMISSIONER.

Respectfully Submitted

Virgil Hilliges
Special Commissioner.
State of Georgia

The United States,

To Frances Brown of Georgia. D^o

For the amount allowed her by Act of Congress, Private No. 183 approved March 3rd, 1879, entitled "An Act making appropriations for the payment of claims reported allowed by the Commissioners of Claims under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1871."

The sum of
Seventy-seven dollars

77.00 ✓

✓ \$ 77.00

Payable in case of Gilmore & Co. Attys.,
Washington D.C.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Second Comptroller's Office,

Mar 25, 1879.

Wm. H. Saylor
Clerk.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Third Auditor's Office,

March 19, 1879.

M. B. Jackson
Clerk.

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Gilmore

Whom do you recognize as atty in claim
N 20638, Frances Brown of Ga?

Wmly

Horac Austin

Auditor

Wmly

Gilmore & Co.

Chas F. Benjamin

Mar 1879. Clerk.

State of Georgia

No. 20,638

allowed

Francis Brown, \$77.00

We are the attorneys
of Record in this case,
having filed with the Com=
missioners of Claims a power
of attorney from J. M. Simms
to Chipman Hooper & Co to prose=
cute all the claims in which
he has a power of attorney.
Gilmore & Co.

Feb 11, 1879.