

## **President Andrew Johnson Pardons Confederate John C. Shelton, 1866**

Andrew Johnson, President of the United States

To All Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greeting:

Where as, John C. Shelton of Stafford County, Virginia by taking part in the late rebellion against the Government of the United States has made himself liable to heavy pains and penalties,

And where as the circumstances of his case render him a proper object of executive clemency

Now, therefore it be known that I, Andrew Johnson, President of the United States of America, in consideration of the premises, divers other good and sufficient reasons me thereunto moving, do hereby grant to the said John C. Shelton a full pardon and amnesty for all offenses committed, arising from participation, direct or implied, in the said rebellion, conditions as follows:

1st This pardon to be of no effect until the said John C. Shelton shall take the oath prescribed in the Proclamation of the President dated May 29th, 1865.

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2nd To be void and of no effect if the said John C. Shelton shall hereafter at anytime, acquire any property whatever in slaves or make use of slave labor.

3rd That the said John C. Shelton first pay all costs which may have accrued in any proceedings instituted or pending against his person or property, before the date of acceptance of this warrant.

4th That the said John C. Shelton, shall not by virtue of this warrant claim any property or the proceeds of any property that has been sold by the order, judgment or decree of a court under the confiscation laws of the United States.

5th That the said John C. Shelton shall notify the Secretary of State that he has received and accepted the foregoing pardon.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto signed my name and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this fifth day of July A.D. 1866 and of the independence of the United States the ninety –first

By the President: (SIGNED) Andrew Johnson

(Signed) William H. Seward, Secretary of State

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