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President Andrew Johnson Pardons Confederate John C. Shelton, 1866 (page 1 of 2) ANDREW JOHNSON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING: Whereas, 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, Rud whereas, the circumstances of his case render him a proper object of Executive elemency, How, therefore, he it known, that I, and rew jourson, 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 offences by him committed, arising from participation, direct or implied, in the said rebellion, conditioned 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. 2d. To be void and of no effect if the said John C. Thetton shall hereafter, at any time, acquire any property whatever in slaves, or make use of slave labor.

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3d. That the said John C. Thelton first pay all costs which may have accrued in any proceedings instituted or pending against his person or property, before the date of the acceptance of this warrant. 1th. 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. Thelton shall notify the Secretary of State, in writing, that he has received and accepted the foregoing pardon. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the cases or washington, this Fifth day of July A. D. 1866 , and of the Independence of the United States the Ninety-first . Annew Johnson By the President: Mare It See secretary of State.

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