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Andrew Johnson, President of the United States of America

To All 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;

And whereas, 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 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.

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

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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, in writing, 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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