

der, she and her husband would be responsible to the mother of the girl for her production whenever the mother should call for her. This was before, by some days, Mr. (Pfeffer) Pyfer came and claimed the girl. After Mr. Pyfer came for the girl, Mr. J. Solon S. Linthicum and myself came to the Head Quarters of General Wallace for the purpose of seeing him in relation to Mr. Pyfer's demand of the girl, and of inquiring whether Mr. J. Solon S. Linthicum should deliver the girl to Mr. Pyfer against her consent, and in the absence of the girl's mother upon the mere claim of Mr. Pyfer. Gen. Wallace being absent, we made the statement to Lieutenant Colonel Lawrance, Assistant Adjutant General, who told us that he thought, under the facts stated to him, which were in substance those above stated, and also those connected with the manner of the claim of Mr. Pyfer to the girl, that Mr. Linthicum had done right in refusing the girl to Mr. Pyfer, and he further stated that the order of General Wallace was intended to effect these cases only where those heretofore owning negroes refused to give them their liberty, and insisted on having them bound to themselves against the consent of such negroes or their parents.

THALES A. LINTHICUM.

November 25th, 1864.

BALTIMORE, 25th Nov., 1864.

I have known Mr. Linthicum whose statement is above given for about twelve years, and am intimately acquainted with him. His loyalty is above question—and to my knowledge he has been most thoroughly loyal and devoted to the Union from the very beginning of the war, as well as during the troubles that preceded it.

JULIAN J. ALEXANDER.

STATEMENT OF MR. J. SOLON S. LINTHICUM:

I know nothing whatever about the claim of Mr. Pyfer for these two negroes, except what has been told me. I have not seen Mr. Pyfer for more than two years. The little boy is with Mr. Peter Harman, in Anne Arundel county, his Postoffice is Hanover Switch, Howard county.

J. SOLON S. LINTHICUM.

November 25th, 1864.

We certify that we are well acquainted with Mr. J. Solon S. Linthicum, and can vouch for his thorough loyalty to the United States.

J. J. ALEXANDER,
W. CORKRON,
W. H. COUNSELMAN.