

United States of America }  
Districts of California } p.

Charles A. Stovall  
being duly sworn says on his oath that he  
is the identical person who now claims  
a certain negro slave called Archy, in the  
matter of which claim proceedings are  
at this time pending before Hon. George  
Perrin Johnson United States Commissioner  
for the Districts of California. Affiant  
says that he makes this affidavit  
in explanation of the original affidavit  
filed in the present proceedings.

He says that it is true that he was the  
owner and lawfully entitled to the  
possession, of said Archy in the state  
of Mississippi, that under and by virtue  
of the laws of said state said Archy was  
held to labor and service in said state

That sometime in the month of January  
AD 1857, said Archy did commit a crime  
against the laws of said state of Mississippi,  
viz, said Archy did stab a white man  
whose name was Smiley, with a certain  
knife, with a felonious intention  
and said stabbing was done in the county  
of Carroll, and it is true that because of  
said offence, said Archy did flee from  
the said state of Mississippi.