

United States of America }
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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 some time 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.