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Personally appeared before me this 22 day of Novbr 1866 John Dee,  
who having been duly sworn deposes as follows.

My name is John Dee, I live at Mitchellville, Tenn. In March 1864 Ben  
Roney, living at Mitchellville, Tenn with whom I was employed told me to  
light a fire. I did not start the moment he told me. He then said he would  
not hire me nor pay me. I then threw down my axe. He Roney then went  
into his house and got his gun and as I was walking towards the house,  
he shot me part of the discharge going into my arm, back and leg.

Doctor Walton attended me. Roney said he would do the same thing  
again, if I ever refused to do anything.

(Sigd) John X his mark Dee

Sworn and subscribed before me this 22 day of November 1866.  
Witness Sigd Edward H. Leib  
Capt. 5 Cavy  
Bt. Lt. Col.  
U.S.V.

(sigd) Mich'l. Walsh  
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