



The United States of America, 179.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas, In pursuance of the Act of Congress, approved September 28th, 1850, entitled "An Act granting Bounty Land to certain Officers and Soldiers who have been engaged in the Military Service of the United States," Warrant No. 21,445 for 40. acres,

issued in favor of *David Mason, Private Captain Morris Company,*
Alabama Volunteers

Florida War.

has been returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE, with evidence that the same has been duly located upon the

*North West quarter of the South West quarter, of Section fourteen,
in Township twenty two, of Range one East, in the District of
Lands subject to sale at Escalosa, Alabama, containing thirty
nine acres and seventy eight and a half hundredths of an
acre,*

according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Lands returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the SURVEYOR GENERAL:

Which has been assigned unto Wiley Merrill,

Now Know Ye, That there is therefore granted by the UNITED STATES unto the said

Wiley Merrill,

the tract of Land above described: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said *Wiley Merrill, and to his*

heirs and assigns forever.

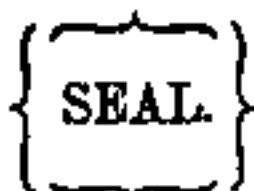
In Testimony Whereof, I, *Franklin Pierce*

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the SEAL OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the

fifteenth day of *April*.

in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *fifty three* and of the INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES the seventy-*seventh*.



STATE OF ALA. SHELBY CO.
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Thomas A. Henderson, Jr.
JUDGE OF PROBATE

BY THE PRESIDENT: *Franklin Pierce*

By *B. B. French* Asy Sec'y.

Lettinger Recorder of the General Land Office.

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