

briefly state his title from the person in whose name the slaves were last registered.

3d. That the said Assistant Commissioners shall from time to time, with all convenient speed, after receipt thereof, make out complete lists of all such claims according to the form following, that is to say :

Name and Description of Claimant, or person in possession of the Slaves.	Plantation, or other Domicile of Slaves.	Number of Slaves.

and shall cause the same to be published in the different newspapers of the said colony, or shall make the same known in such manner as to them shall seem most effectual for giving notice of the subject of such claim to all parties interested therein, in all parts of the said colony.

4th. That such claims for compensation be made to the Assistant Commissioners, in the respective colonies, in duplicate, and that one part be transmitted by them to the Commissioners in London, and filed in their office, and the other kept and filed in the office of the Assistant Commissioners.

5th. That any person having, or claiming to have, any right, title, or interest in or to, or any mortgage, judgment, charge, incumbrance, or lien upon any slave or slaves included in such claims, or any right, title, or interest thereto, under or by virtue of any deed, will, testamentary instrument, or conveyance whatsoever, or in any other manner whatsoever, and claiming to receive the compensation for such slave or slaves, or any of them, in opposition to the original claimant, shall prefer a counter claim before the Assistant Commissioners in the respective colonies on or before the first day of May one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, or in London before the Commissioners on or before the first day of July one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five; provided always, that in case no original claim shall have been filed within the time limited by the first rule for that purpose, any person claiming a right to receive the compensation as above mentioned, or any part thereof, may prefer his claim thereto instead of a counter claim, and such claim shall be deemed and taken and be made in the same form, and subject

to the same rules of proceeding in all respects as a counter claim, and with the same liberty of replying thereto as hereinafter directed, as if an original claim had been preferred.

6th. That in cases in which no counter claim shall have been preferred in the colonies on or before the first day of May one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, the Assistant Commissioners within their respective colonies shall report the amount of compensation which may appear to them to be due upon each of the several claims, on application of the parties or their agents, and transmit forthwith copies or lists of such several reports to the Commissioners in London; and in cases in which no counter claim shall have been preferred before the Commissioners in London, on or before the first day of July one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, the Commissioners may proceed to award the compensation according to the several claims upon the application of the parties or their agents.

7th. That in all cases in which a counter claim for the whole or any part of the compensation shall be preferred, such counter claim shall set forth the estate or interest, right or title, intended to be insisted on, and the dates, parties, and legal effect of the deeds or other instruments under which the counter claim is made, with the date of registration in the proper office in the colony; and in all cases of mortgage, judgment, charge, incumbrance, or lien, such counter claim shall also set forth for what sum the same was granted or recovered, what payments (if any) have been made thereon, and the dates of such payments, and what remains due thereon, whether the same is the prior lien or otherwise, on the property included therein, and also the legal effect of such securities upon slaves, according to the law and usage of the particular colony in which such slaves have been registered or settled; and that in addition thereto the substance of such counter claim be embodied and arranged in the tabular form hereunto annexed, marked (C).

8th. That upon such counter claim being filed within the limited periods aforesaid, notice thereof be forthwith given by the party making the same to the party against whom it is made, or his agent, and a copy thereof be furnished to such party or his agent, on application at the Office of the Commissioners, or of the Assistant Commissioners in the colony.