



I, Albert J. Meyer, having been appointed Chief Signal Officer of the Army in the MILITARY SERVICE of the United States, do solemnly swear that I have never voluntarily **BORNE ARMS** against the United States since I have been a citizen thereof; that I have voluntarily given no **AID COUNTENANCE, COUNSEL, or ENCOURAGEMENT** to persons engaged in **ARMED HOSTILITY** thereto; that I have neither sought nor accepted nor attempted to exercise the functions of **ANY OFFICE WHATSOEVER**, under any authority, or pretended authority, in **HOSTILITY** to the United States; that I have not yielded a voluntary **SUPPORT** to any **PRETENDED GOVERNMENT, AUTHORITY, POWER, or CONSTITUTION** within the United States, **HOSTILE or INIMICAL** thereto. And I do further swear that, to the best of my knowledge and ability, I will **SUPPORT and DEFEND** the **CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES** against all enemies, **FOREIGN and DOMESTIC**; that I will bear true **FATHM and ALLEGIANCE** to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will **WELL, and FAITHFULLY** discharge the **DUTIES** of the **OFFICE** on which I am about to enter: **So help me God.**

Albert J. Meyer  
Colonel and Signal Officer of ~~the Army~~

(District of Columbia }  
County of Washington }

I have read and subscribed before me, at Washington City, D. C.  
this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 1865

W. C. Rowland  
Gestor of the Peace

