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In pursuance of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New-York, entitled "An Act to enable the qualified electors of this State, absent therefrom in the Military Services of the United States, in the Army or Navy thereof to vote," Passed April 21st, 1864.

I Joel Williams a member of Company 15  
of the 154<sup>th</sup> Regiment New York State Volunteers  
Infantry now at or near Atlanta in the State of  
Georgia (or Territory) of \_\_\_\_\_ (or attached to the  
United States vessel \_\_\_\_\_), and being a resident of the town of  
Conewango (or of the city of \_\_\_\_\_) in the county of  
Cattaraugus, do hereby authorize and empower Joshua Tickner  
of the town of Conewango (or of the city of \_\_\_\_\_) in the  
county of Cattaraugus to cast for me and in my name and stead, in  
pursuance of Section 2, of said Act, my vote or ballot, the same as if I was personally present at the  
General election to be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 1864.

Witness,

Byron A Johnston Joel Williams

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 1864, before me personally  
came Joel Williams to me known to be the same person des-  
cribed in the foregoing instrument, who being by me duly sworn deposes and says, that he executed the  
foregoing instrument for the uses and purposes therein mentioned. And at the same time appeared  
before me Byron A Johnston, who being by me duly sworn  
deposes and says that he saw the said Joel Williams sign and  
execute said instrument in his presence, whereupon the said Byron A Johnston  
became the subscribing witness thereto.

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