

I, Edward H. Durell, 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 whatever, 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 faith 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.

EDWARD H. DURELL

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me in open Court this  
16<sup>th</sup> day of June 1853.

J. S. Whitaker

Judge

United States of America  
State of Louisiana.

Second District Court of New Orleans.

Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 1853.

Present the Honorable J. S. Whitaker Judge.

This day appeared Edward H. Durell Esquire and

presented to this Court his Commission as Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, whereupon the Court ordered said Commission to be spread upon the minutes of the Court, And at the same time the Court administered to the said Edward H. Durell Esquire the Oaths required by the laws of the United States, as also his special oath of office.

Extract from the minutes.

M. H. Flanagan  
Minute Clerk,

United States of America.  
State of Louisiana.

Second District Court of New Orleans.

J. W. R. Fish, clerk of the Second District Court of New Orleans, do hereby Certify that the foregoing are true and correct Copies of the Oath of Office of Edward H. Durell Esquire, and of the extract from the minutes of this Court of the 16<sup>th</sup> instant, and that said Court is a Court of record.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, in the City of New Orleans, this 22<sup>d</sup> day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty three, and the eighty seventh year of the independence of the United States of America.

W. R. Fish  
Clerk

J. J. Whitaker, sole Judge of the Second District Court of New Orleans, State of Louisiana do hereby Certify that W. R. Fish is clerk of the said Court, and that the signature "W. R. Fish Clerk" to the foregoing Certificate is in the proper handwriting of him the said Clerk, to his official acts as such full faith and credit are due and owing, and I do further Certify that his attestation is in due form of law.

Given under my hand and Seal, in the City of New Orleans this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord 1863.

J. J. Whitaker  
Judge