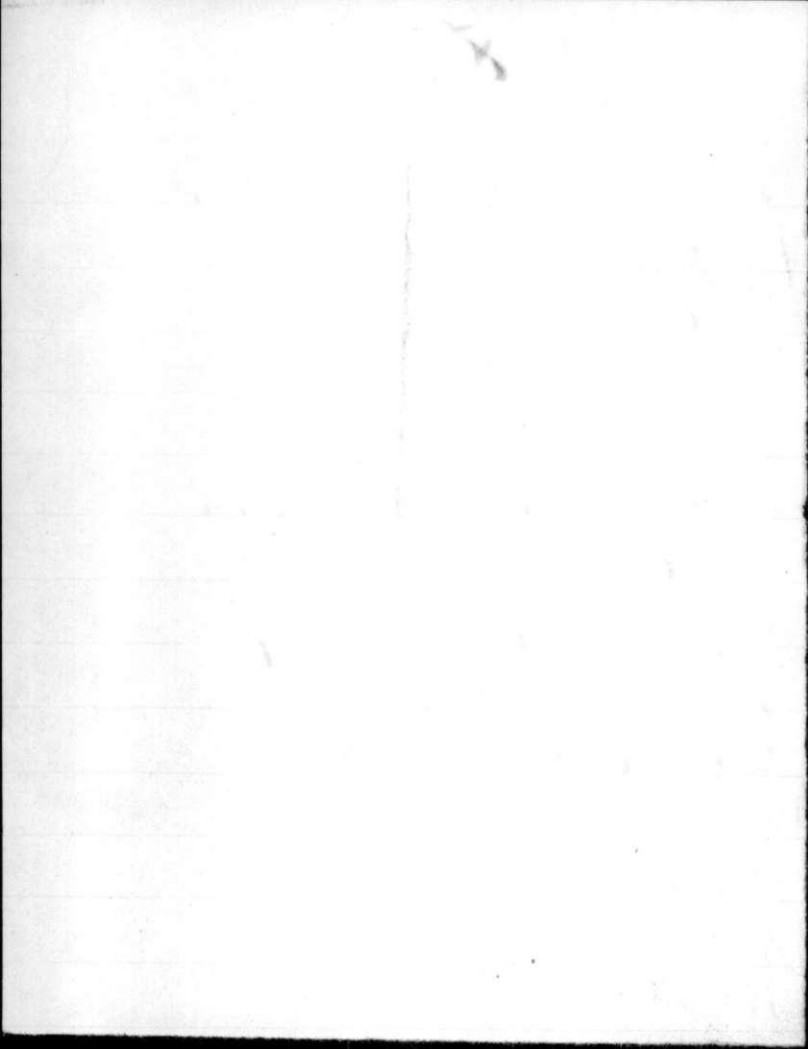


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- 2 James Dean
- 3 Kilby Fletcher
- 4 William Kirwan
- 5 Henry Shenton
- 6 Brittingham Robinson
- 7 Mace Messick
- 8 James M. Murphey
- 9 Thomas B. Steele
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State of Maryland

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

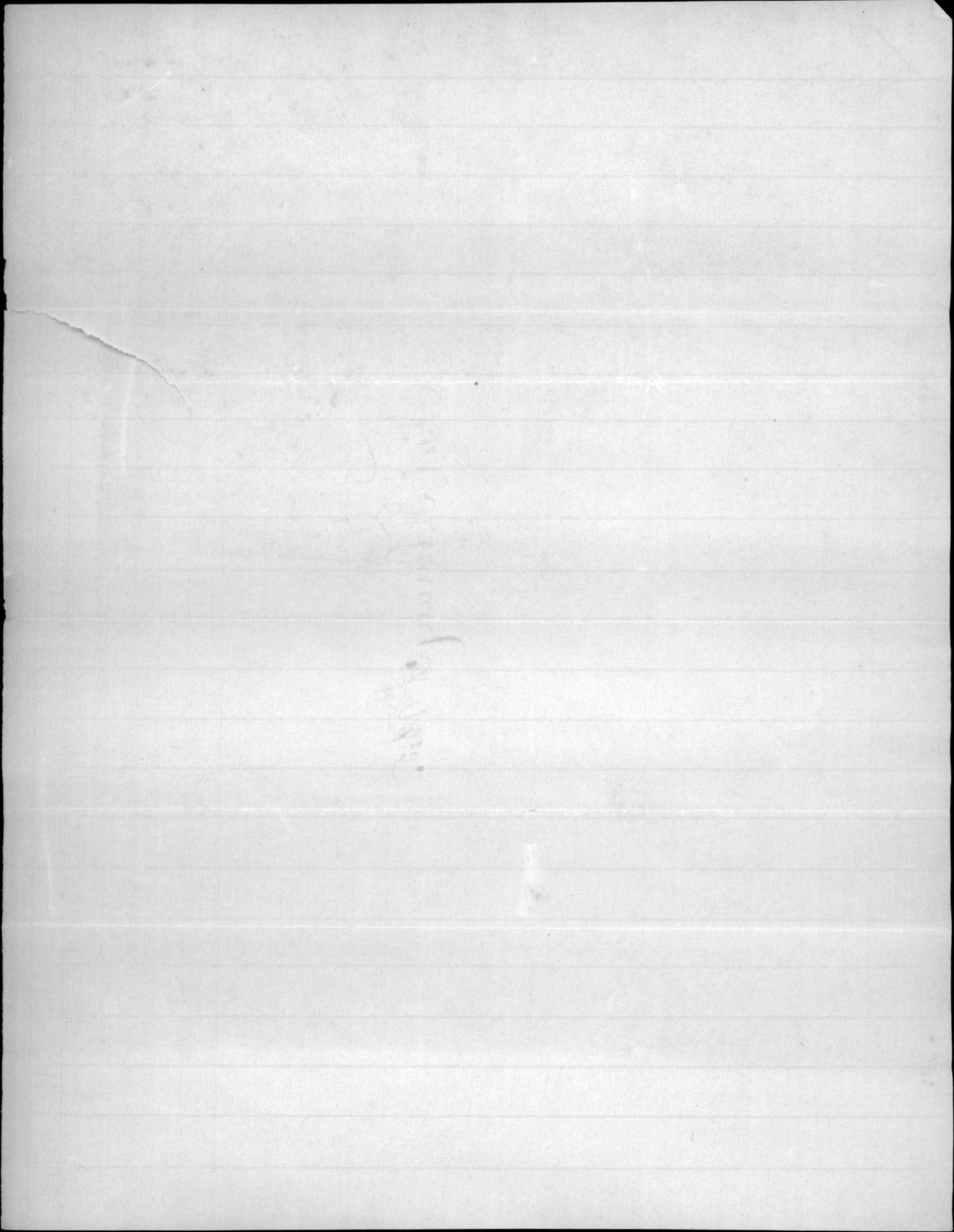
Annapolis Feby. 7th 1865

I, *William B. Hill* Secretary of State, of the
State of Maryland, do hereby certify that the Governor this day granted a Pardon
to *William Hill (colored)*
convicted in the *Circuit Court for Dorchester County*
at *April* Term, 1862, on two Indictments,
of *persuading Slaves to run away*
and sentenced to be confined in the Penitentiary until *May 14th 1877*.

Given under my Hand and the seal of my Office,
this *Seventh* day of *February*
in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight
hundred and sixty-five.



Kind Regards
to the
Abbey.



April Term 1862

The Grand Jurors of the State of Maryland
for the body of Dorchester County upon their oaths
do present William T. Hill, (free negro) for enticing
persuading aiding and assisting John
Wesley Hughes the slave of Pritchett Meredith to
run away from his master and lawful owner on
or about the 25th day of December 1861

Witnesses

John W. Nail, Foreman,
" " "

James Robertson
Josiah Carroll
Thomas Meredith
Pritchett Meredith
Polish Mills

No 8992

State

as

Wm Hill, J. W.



Filed May 5th 1862.

STATE OF MARYLAND,

Dorchester County, to wit:

THE GRAND JURORS OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, for the body of Dorchester County, upon their oaths do PRESENT that William Hill late of the County aforesaid, free Negro on the Twenty fifth day of December in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and thirty one, with force and arms, at the County aforesaid, did entice, persuade and assist a certain Negro slave named John Wesley Hughes being then and there the lawful slave of Pitchett Meredith to run away from the said Pitchett Meredith his lawful owner, and that he the said William Hill then and there knew the said John Wesley Hughes to be as aforesaid then and there the lawful slave of the said Pitchett Meredith contrary to the form of the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and against the peace, government and dignity of the State.

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present that the said William Hill late of the County aforesaid, free Negro on the said Twenty fifth day of December in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and thirty one, with force and arms, at the County aforesaid, did harbor the aforesaid John Wesley Hughes being then and there the lawful slave of the said Pitchett Meredith his lawful owner, and that he the said William Hill then, to wit: at the time of the harboring aforesaid, there well knew the said John Wesley Hughes to be as aforesaid then and there the lawful slave of the said Pitchett Meredith, and then, to wit: at the time of the harboring aforesaid, there well knew that the said John Wesley Hughes had run away from the said Pitchett Meredith his lawful owner; contrary to the form of the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and against the peace, government and dignity of the State.

George W. Jefferson
State's Attorney for Dorchester County.

STATE OF MARYLAND.

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William Heill

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a true bill

John S. Bail, Foreman

Filed May 5th 1862.

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December the 25th 1861

This is to certify that this man John Wesley Hughes
is free and was born and risen in Dorchester County
of Maryland he says he wants to go to Baltimore

Josiah Carroll

1870

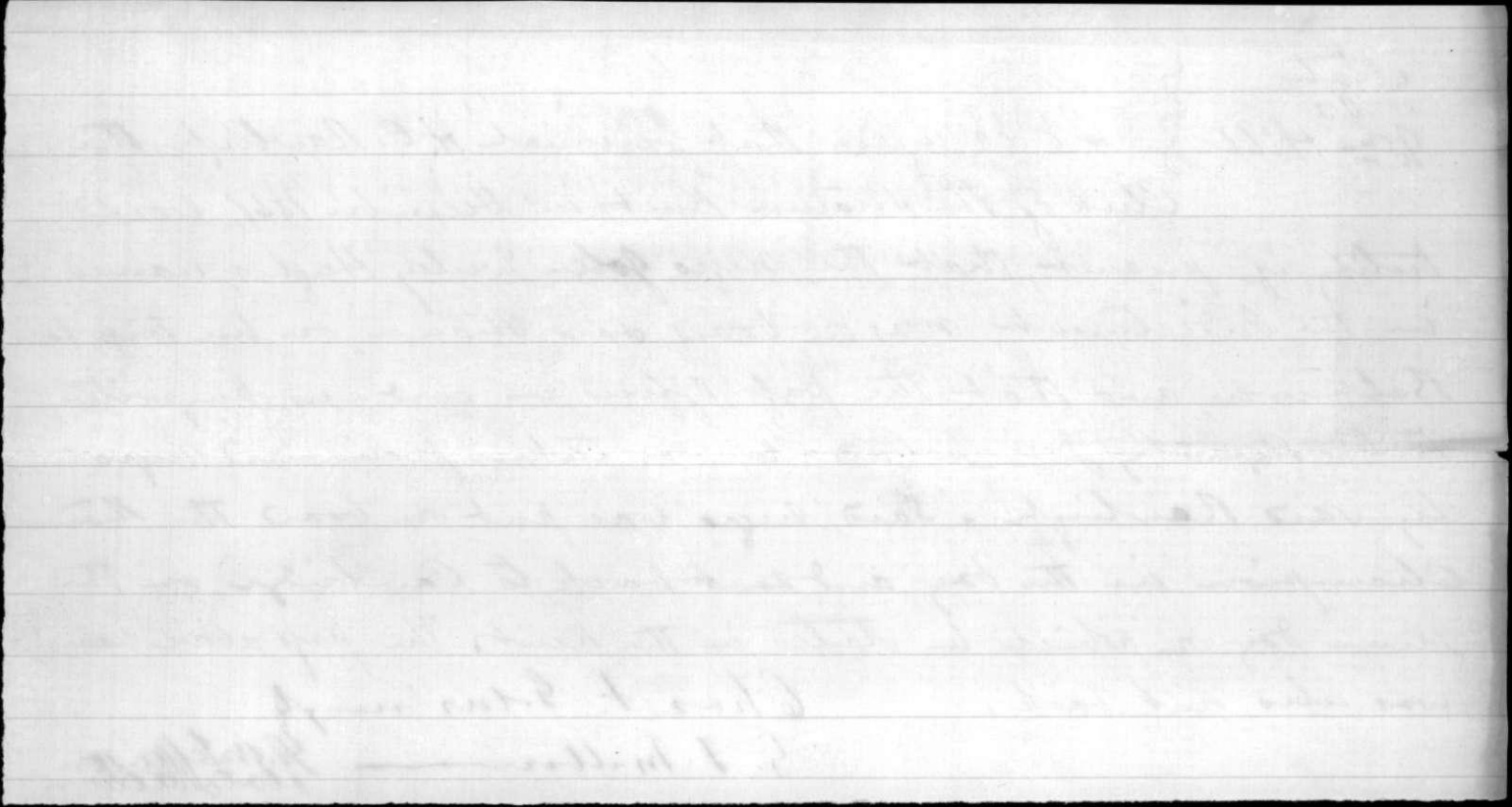
Dr. Wm. W. W. W.

State }
vs. Hill } It is agreed that Jeremiah H. C. Rawliff the
Clerk of the Steamer Kent in December 1861, would
testify, if present, that the negro John Wesley Hughes, named
in the indictment, was on board said steamer, on his trip to
Baltimore, and that the paper offered in evidence, purporting
to be signed by Josiah Canoll, was taken from said negro
by said Rawliff. Said negro was put on board the steamer
Champion in the bay and sent back to Cambridge, on the
same day on which he started in the Kent. The paper, above named,
was also sent back.

Chas. F. Glasburn

G. T. Milburn

H. W. Jefferson
State Attorney



Dorchester County, to wit: The State of Maryland, to the Sheriff
of Dorchester County, Greeting: We command you to
take the body of William Hill, free Negro, late of
Dorchester County, Geoman, that all excuses and delays
set aside, you have him before the Circuit Court
for Dorchester County, now being held at Cambridge,
in and for said County, immediately to answer unto
the State of Maryland, for enticing, persuading, aiding and assisting John
Wesley Hughes, the slave of Pritchett Meredith to run away from his
master and lawful owner, on or about the 25th day of December 1861.
Hereof fail not at your peril, and have you then and there this
writ. Witness the Hon. Thomas A. Spence, Judge of the said
Court, the 28th day of April 1862.

Issued the 5th day of May 1862.

F. J. Henry, Clerk.

No 8 Sheets G. W. F.

The State of Maryland

vs

William Still, Exec. Adm.

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A. Moulton Sheriff



STATE OF MARYLAND,

Dorchester County, to wit:

THE GRAND JURORS OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, for the body of Dorchester County,

upon their oaths do PRESENT that *William Hill* late of the County aforesaid, *free negro* on the *Twenty fifth* day of *December* in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and ~~*eighty one*~~ with force and arms, at the County aforesaid, did entice, persuade and assist a certain *negro slave* named *George Hackett* being then and there the lawful slave of *Polish G Mills* to run away from the said *Polish G Mills, his* lawful owner, and that he the said *William Hill, free negro* then and there knew the said *George Hackett* to be as aforesaid then and there the lawful slave of the said *Polish G Mills* contrary to the form of the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and against the peace, government and dignity of the State.

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present that the said *William Hill* late of the County aforesaid, *free negro* on the said *Twenty fifth* day of *December* in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and ~~*eighty one*~~ with force and arms, at the County aforesaid, did harbor the aforesaid *George Hackett* being then and there the lawful slave of the said *Polish G Mills his* lawful owner, and that he the said *William Hill free negro*, then, to wit: at the time of the harboring aforesaid, there well knew the said *George Hackett* to be as aforesaid then and there the lawful slave of the said *Polish G Mills*, and then, to wit: at the time of the harboring aforesaid, there well knew that the said *George Hackett* had run away from the said *Polish G Mills his* lawful owner; contrary to the form of the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and against the peace, government and dignity of the State.

George W Jefferson
State's Attorney for Dorchester County.

No 2 Presentments

State

William Heick

which want
a true bill

John R. S. S. S.

Foreman

Filed May 1st 1862

STATE OF MARYLAND

NOTICE TO THE GRAND JURORS OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND

Assembly in each case made and provided, and against the peace, government and dignity of the State.

And the grand jurors upon their oaths reported to the court present that the said
William Heick
the said
being then and there the lawful slave of the said
lawful owner, and that he the said
then to wit at the time of the harboring aforesaid, there well
know the said
slave of the said
the time of the harboring aforesaid, there well know that the said
had run away from the said
contrary to the form of the Act of Assembly in each case made and provided, and against the peace,
government and dignity of the State.


George W. Jefferson

Dorchester County, to wit: The State of Maryland, to the
Sheriff of Dorchester County, Greeting: We
Command you to take the body of William
Mill, free Negro, late of Dorchester County, Yeoman,
that all excuses and delays set aside, you have
him before the Circuit Court for Dorchester
County, now being held at Cambridge, in and
for said County, immediately to answer unto the State of Mary-
land, for enticing, persuading, assisting and inducing George Hack-
ett, the Slave of Polich G. Mills, to run away from his Master
and lawful owner, on or about the 25th day of December 1861.

Hereof bail not at your peril, and have you then and there this
writ. Witness the Hon. Thomas A. Spence, Judge of the said
Court the 28th day of April 1862.

Issued the 1st day of May 1862.

F. J. Henry, Clk.

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No 2 Presentments. G. W. G.
The State of Maryland

vs

William Hill, free negro.

Exors.

vs

W. Wolfson
Shff

September the 25th 1861 This is to certifye this
man Forge Buckett is free and wants to go to Baltimore
He was Born and risen in Dorchester County of Maryland
Josiah Carroll

Polio. h. h. h.

State

vs
Wm. Hill

It is admitted that Maria Campbell ^{formerly} would
testify if present, that George ~~one of the~~ ^{was mentioned as being} runaway
in this proceedings ~~mentioned~~ has a brother named
William, that he lives in the same house with
George; that he can write that he learned to
write from William Hill the defendant.

Geo M Jeffersons
States Attorney for
Brochelet County

to
Feb May 5 1862

April Term, 1862

The Grand Inquest of the State of Maryland for the body of Dorchester County, upon their oath do present William Hill (A 25) for enticing, persuading, assisting, and inducing George Hackett, the slave of Polish Mills to run away from his master and lawful Owner on or about the 25th day of Dec. 1861

Witness

John W. Laird, Foreman,
" " "

James Robertson

Josiah Carroll

Thomas Meredith

Polish Mills

George Hackett

No 20 Payments

Filed May 14 1862.