

The State of Maryland to wit, Whereas James Davidson  
of the City of Baltimore has been recognized by Robert  
Gorsuch a Justice of the Peace for Baltimore County  
to appear at the Criminal Court of Baltimore County at  
July Term Instant to answer to a charge of receiving seven  
Boxes of Spanish segars the property of John Hall of  
Philadelphia, knowing them to be stolen. and whereas  
it appears by the petition of the said James Davidson  
that he labours as a Drayman, and keeps a small shop  
which is principally attended to by his wife, for the  
support of his Family - that on the Twenty second Day  
of April last a Negro Man brought some segars to the  
Shop of the Petitioner offering them for sale, that the  
Petitioner fearful that the segars were not the property  
of the Negro would not consent to purchase them, but  
desired the Negro to leave the segars that it might be  
made appear whether he was, or was not the rightful  
owner - that the segars were left and remained two  
days in the Store of Petitioner, during which time the  
Negro frequently called, and was very desirous of  
effecting a sale - that the said Negro was arrested  
for the theft of the same Segars, and directed the  
officers to the House of the Petitioner where the  
Segars were found neither exposed to sale, nor con-  
cealed from public view, that no part of them was  
disposed of nor were the Boxes opened by him or  
his wife. . . and Whereas a number of respectable  
Merchants inhabitants of the City of Baltimore  
who have had frequent occasions to employ the said  
Davidson in the Line of his Business have since