

STATE OF VIRGINIA,

Berkeley County, Sc:

This day, Joseph Kensell, a citizen of Washington county, State of Maryland, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid, and made oath that sometime in the month of August 1849, this affiant with a certain Jonathan Little, a citizen of Washington county, State of Maryland, and two other persons, to wit. Thomas Miller and Thomas Rockwell, seized and arrested Jacob Tenley, a runaway slave, the property, as he is informed and believes, of Elizabeth McClean, a widow lady of Frederick county, Maryland. The said seizure and arrest was made in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania. The said slave was rescued from the possession of Thomas Miller and Thomas Rockwell, as they were conveying him to his mistress. This affiant further states that some time so subsequent to this, he thinks, in October 1849, the said Jonathan Little having returned to said county of Huntingdon, was arrested upon the charge of kidnapping the said Jacob Tenley, thrown into the Jail of Huntingdon county, where he has been closely confined ever since, heavily laden with irons, and treated as a felon and malefactor. This affiant knows from a personal communication with the McCleans', that the seizure and arrest of the slave Jacob Tenley, met their entire approbation and consent. The said Little is a poor man, has a wife and several children dependent upon him solely for their support, and is unable to advance or pay the necessary fees to employ counsel to appear on his behalf, or pay the expenses of the attendance of witnesses. This affiant would further add, that it is difficult, if not utterly impracticable, in that portion of the State of Pennsylvania, to procure counsel, who, in a case like that of Jonathan Little, will do justice to the prisoner. He, therefore, as a citizen of the State of Maryland, most respectfully prays, that the Governor of the State of Maryland, may feel himself authorised from the contingent fund of the State, to appropriate so much as may be necessary, to vindicate the rights of this oppressed and imprisoned citizen of the State of Maryland, who has done nothing in the premises, in violation of the Constitution and Laws of the country, and whose fate, if his enemies and pursuers can have their way, must materially depreciate the value of slave property in the State of Maryland, by deterring others from going in its pursuit.

Given under my hand this 20th day of December 1849.

WILLIAM DORSEY, J. P.

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This day, Stewart T. Herbert, personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid, (the said Herbert also being a citizen of Washington county, State of Mary-