

Maria Herstons and w^{as} then left in his
possession by the said Thomas Spigg as the
property of the said Maria Herstons That
the said Charles Herstons held and pos-
sessed the said negro woman and her
children for the said Maria as her guardian
from the time of said gift and as the guardian
of the said Maria Herstons carried the
said Ester and her children to George Town
in the district of Columbia and continued
to hold her there for the said Maria Herstons
for about two years when he returned her
and her child the petitioner to the said
Thomas Spigg in Frederick County in the
State of Maryland where the said Ester
and her child have continued ever since
That the petitioner was born after the afove
said gift and while she was so possessed
for the said Maria Herstons That the
said Maria Herstons is still an Infant
under the age of sixteen years whereupon
the petitioner by her counsel prays the
Court to direct the jury that if they are