

of whom the petitioner was one for the said Maria and as her natural guardian from the time of the said declaration of the said Sprigg to him until he removed to George Town in the district of Columbia in the year 1804. When he so removed he carried the said Ester and her children of whom the petitioner was one with him and held and possessed them in George Town in the district of Columbia as the natural guardian of the said Maria and for her until the year 1807. When finding the said Ester troublesome and disagreeable to him he sent her and her children of whom the petitioner was one to the said Sprigg in Frederick County That the said Sprigg kept her and her children at his house until the year 1810 when he hired her out and the said Horstons in 1811. after the death of the said Sprigg received the hire for the use of the said Maria Horstons all of which was proved by the said Horstons The petitioner then offered in evidence the following Inventory which includes the petitioner "Inventory of the personal Estate of Thomas