

in the City of Baltimore and acting as a free woman  
 from the time of her being appraised as part of the  
 deceased's estate until the day of filing this petition  
 with the knowledge and consent of the Defendant, her  
 Adm<sup>r</sup> d. b. n. It amounts to prima facie evidence,  
 till rebutted by competent legal proof to the contrary  
 that the debts of the testator if any have been fully  
 paid out of other portions of the personal estate  
 first appropriated by the will for that purpose, and  
 that the petitioner is consequently free under the  
 provisions of that will. And the Court were further  
 of Opinion and so directed the Jury that the Inventory  
 and order of the Orphans Court offered in evidence  
 to prove a deficiency of the preferred assets to pay the  
 debts do not furnish sufficient competent and  
 legal evidence for that purpose and to rebut the  
 presumption of the petitioner's right to freedom arising  
 from the other testimony in the cause." To which  
 Opinion and direction the defendant before the Verdict  
 was rendered prayed leave to except and that the Court  
 would sign and seal this his bill of exceptions which  
 is accordingly done this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October Eighteen  
 hundred and thirty six.

N. Brice C. J.

Alex<sup>r</sup> Nisbet Associate J.

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Whereupon it is considered by the Court here that  
 the said Negro Anna Barnett the petitioner aforesaid  
 recovers her freedom of and against the said Thomas  
 S. Wilson and that she be free and discharged of and  
 from the service of the said Thomas S. Wilson and that  
 she the said Negro Anna Barnett go thereof free