Richard G Belt, Horatio Belt and himself that witness determined to go to housekeeping in the City of Baltimore where he at that time resided Chiefly on account of his mother, who came to reside with him, that his

mother gave to witness one family of negroes among whom was a negro woman called Esther, that ever since said gift about the year 1812 + said Esther has resided with him in his house under his controul as her master, and has been used employed and maintained by him as his Slave, and in his possession, that in the year 1822 or 1824 the said Elijah Williams the petitioner was born of said Esther his mother in the house the witness and was exclusively maintained and supported by him & used & treated as his Slave until sold by him to the Defendant in this case. That Richard G Belt & Horace Belt took the Slaves given to them as aforesaid to the farm which had been purchased in Washington County claiming them as their Slaves under said gift. That said Horace afterwards took those Slaves which had been given to him to the South out of the State of Maryland, where he sold several of them before the death of his mother with her approbation. That said Grafton also sold all his said Slaves so as aforesaid given to him, some of them prior to the death of his mother and with her knowledge. The petitioner then with the object & for the limited purpose of impeaching & contradicting the statement of said Belt gave in evidence the sale of Catharine Belt, and also the Inventory & administration account of George G Belt.

Catharine Belt's Inventory

A true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods & Chattles and personal estate of Catharine Belt late of Baltimore County deceased appraised by the subscribers John Weller & and Standish Barry, jointly we having been first legally authorized and having taken the oath prescribed by law as will be seen by the warrant to appraise and certificate thereon hereto annexed.

One negro Woman aged about sixty years named Betty a slave for life	$120 —
One negro woman named Nelly about thirty six years old a slave for life	150 —
One negro girl named Betty about twelve years old a slave for life	150 —
One negro boy named John about four years old a slave for life	40 —
One negro woman named Anne about forty years old a slave for life	135. —
One negro lad named Henry about eighteen years old a slave for life	250 —
One negro girl named Maria about fourteen years old a slave for life	175 —
One negro girl named Lucy about twelve years old a slave for life	150 —
One negro boy named Sam ten years old a slave for life	175 —