

To the Honorable Theodorick
Blond Chancellor of Maryland

Your Oration Benjamin ^{McRiley}
of Cecil County and your Oration
Sarah E. Raley wife of the said
Benjamin McRiley, Humbly Com-
plaining shew to your Honor that
on or about the year Eighteen Hundred
and thirty two your Oration then being
a feme sole and named Sarah E. Severin
and being ignorant of the modes of trans-
acting business employed one Noble
Pennington ^{of Cecil County} to superintend which busi-
ness she had to transact, which consist-
ed chiefly of hiring out and receiving
the wages of some negroes which belong-
ed to your Oration. That the said Pen-
nington attended to the business of your
Oration for sometime, and at a period
when your Oration had a negro boy
named Joe living with one Thomas Ste-
bens of Kent County and in the latter
part of the year Eighteen Hundred and
thirty two the said negro Joe then being
about fourteen years old. The said
Pennington suggested to your Oration
that negro Joe had better be taken down