said Stephens, and placed where he would
learn more and your Oratrix fully confid
ing in the friendship and skill of said
Pennington and being wholly ignorant
of such matters herself and wholly dependent
for advice and suggestions on said Penning
ton adopted said Pennington's suggestion
and directed him to get the boy. The said
Pennington then proposed to your Oratrix
that he would take the said negro boy himself and
allow wages for him, to which your
Oratrix assented, and the said Penning
ton then informed your Oratrix that
to enable him to procure said negro
boy from said Stephens it would
be necessary for your Oratrix to give
him a written order to said Stephens
to deliver said negro boy to him
said Pennington, which your Oratrix
agreed to do, and the said Pennington
accordingly drew up a paper which
he stated to your Oratrix was the form
of order necessary to be given, and your
Oratrix confiding fully in the integrity
of said Pennington signed the said paper
without having the slightest suspicion
of its true character but under the

firm and unsuspecting belief produced
by the statement of said Pennington
that it was merely such an order
as was necessary to induce said Stephens
to give the boy into the possession of
said Pennington, and so matters rem
ained for a time. The said Penning
ton got possession of said negro boy
and your Oratrix supposed he was
keeping him at labor and intended
to allow your Oratrix fair and
reasonable wages for him, until
some time in June or July afterwards
when your Oratrix called on said
Pennington and the said Pennington
then informed your Oratrix greatly
to her surprise that he claimed the
boy, and that the paper before referred
to was not an order but a bill
of sale purporting in its terms to
transfer said boy to said Penning
ton.

Your Orator and Oratrix further
show that they were married in
the year Eighteen Hundred and thir
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And that the said Pennington has