

To the Honourable the Judges of Allegany County  
Court acting as a Court of Equity

Humbly complaining Sheweth unto your Hon-  
ours your Orator Charles V. Swearingen, that some  
time in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and  
thirty, a Negro man named Miller Taylor, who  
had been in the service of your Orator, absconded  
and ran away: that on the ninth day of July Eigh-  
teen hundred and thirty, your Orator offered a reward  
of fifty dollars, for the apprehension of said negro,  
and securing him in any Jail in the United States  
so that your Orator could get him a gain

Your Orator further shews, that a short time after  
he had offered the said reward of fifty dollars, a  
Warrant was issued against your Orator by John  
White Esq Justice of the peace, in and for Allegany County  
in the name of one J. M. Sawson to recover the said  
reward of fifty dollars, and on the twenty eighth day  
of July, Eighteen hundred and thirty, a judgment was  
rendered <sup>in favor of said J. M. Sawson</sup> against your Orator, for the said fifty dollars  
and Costs, which said judgment was afterwards  
superseded by L. M. Grosap, and Thomas Dowden  
for your Orator, a copy of said Judgment is herewith  
shown to your Orator marked No 1, and which your