To the Honorable the Judges of the Orphan's Court of Baltimore County.

The petition of Richard Hutchins respectfully represents to your honorable Court that he is the owner of a negro girl Matilda, a slave for a term of years as will more fully appear by a bill of sale of her to him a copy of which duly attested is hereby filed as part of this petition. Your petitioner further represents to your honors that said Matilda has run away from him and upon being apprehended refuses to return to his home and refuses to obey him that she has subjected him to great loss and expenses in her apprehension and detention. He further represents that under her present violent and determined temper she will render him no service.

Your petitioner therefore prays your honors to pass an order authorizing your petitioner to sell said slave in or out of the State of Maryland in pursuance of the Act of Assembly passed in 1833 Chapter 224 and of the Supplement thereto of 1845 Chapter 105 and as in duty &c

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