

To The Honorable the Judges of Peace  
Georges County Court

The petition of Hannah Jackson  
Arnold Jackson Sophia Jackson Hannah  
Jackson daughter of Peggy Jackson and  
William Jackson respectfully shew that  
they are persons of color free & entitled  
to freedom under the laws of the State  
of Maryland - That they are illegally  
held in bondage by Arthur D. Post  
of Prince Georges County & are now  
confined by him in the jail of said  
County preparatory and for petitions  
are informed & verily believe to selling  
them out of the jurisdiction of this State  
County & beyond the limits of the State  
of Maryland, in contravention of which  
premises they pray your Honors to  
take cognizance of this their petition  
& grant them such relief and remedy  
in their rights as free persons, as the  
Laws of the State afford & to take such  
order in the premises as to your  
Honors may seem fit & your petitions  
& so forth

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for petitioners