

To the Honorable the Judges of Prince Georges
County Court.

The petition of Charles Digges
of Prince Georges County in the State of Maryland
respectfully represents unto your Honors that
he desire to wit on the 27th day of June 1848 he
purchased for the consideration of three hundred
dollars of a certain Negro Bell of Montgomery
County in the said state a negro man named
Knock to serve your petitioner until the 25th
day of October 1856 and then to be free and
well more fully and at large appear before
your Honors had to a bill of sale of the said negro
man from the said Bell to your petitioner
herein filed marked "A B" which your
petitioner prop may be considered as a part
of this his petition. Your petitioner further
charges that since he purchased the said negro
man he has upon divers and repeated
occasions absconded from the service of your
petitioner on two of which he was absent for
a period of two months and that said absconding
was not occasioned in consequence of any
improper treatment exercised by your petitioner
towards the said negro man. Your petitioner
further charges that the said negro man sur-
tains a very bad character among the neigh-
-bours of your petitioner he being regarded
by them as a roger and will suffer them to
come upon their farms and have recommended
your petitioner to sell him as he sets a very
bad example to the slaves of the neighbourhood
and particularly those of your petitioner. Your
petitioner further charges that he has distinct-
-ly and particularly satisfied the said negro
man of the existence and effect of the act of
the said state of 1833 Chapter 24 and that
this information was failed to correct his
habits. Your petitioner therefore prop your