Honors to pass an order authorising and empowering him to sell and dispose of the said negro man for his unexpired term of service to any person living within or without the limits of the State of Maryland and he will pray &c —

N. B. Stephens Esq
for Petitioner —

Prince George County Sct.

On this 7th day of November 1848 before me the subscriber a justice of the peace for said county personally appeared Charles Diggs of said county and made oath to the truth of the facts contained in the foregoing petition —

Sworn to before Henry L. Carlton J.P.

Prince George County Sct.

On this Twenth day of November 1848 before me the subscriber a justice of the peace for said county personally appeared Robert Sweeny of said county and made oath that since the 20th day of June in the year eighteen hundred and forty nine he has distinctly and particularly heard the aforegoing petitioner Charles Diggs notify negro man Enoch mentioned in the aforegoing petition that the county courts of the State of Maryland had power to authorise the master in order to sell the unexpired time of such slave when his or conduct was notoriously vicious and turbulent to any person who will transport such servant beyond the limits of the said State that said courts had the power to adjudge and extend the time of service of such slaves and that of he the said Enoch continued to absend from the service of the said Charles he the said Charles would apply to Prince George County Court for an order to sell him — These deponents further deposed that since the said information was by the said Charles communicated to the said Enoch he has repeatedly absented from the service of the said Charles and that said absending was not occasioned by any improper treatment exercised by him towards the said Enoch —

Prince George County Sct. Sworn to before Henry L. Carlton J.P.

On this tenth day of November 1848 before me the subscriber a justice of the peace for said County personally appeared George H. Diggs & John Foy of said County & made oath that the within described negro Enoch is a notoriously vicious & evil disposed negro & is constantly absending without any cause from the said Charles Diggs — Sworn to before Henry L. Carlton J.P.

On the aforegoing petition and affidavit it is ordered and adjudged by Prince George County Court this 13th day of November 1848 that the petitioner Charles Diggs be and he is hereby authorised and empowered to sell and dispose of negro man Enoch mentioned in said petition to any person living within or without the limits of the State of Maryland until the 25th day of October 1856.

Peter W. Crain

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