To the Honorable Judges of the Orphan's Court
Gentlemen

A colored woman named Ann Thompson on her death-bed bequeathed to me her child Ann Thompson, requesting me to take charge of her & bring her up. On Friday the 8th inst. I learned that the woman had died, & went to the house to take the child, but it had been conveyed away by some negroes & I could not find it. The same afternoon (being the day of the funeral) my father Rev. Robt. Piggot went to the house & on claiming the child was informed by Thomas Watkins, a negro preacher, that the Sharp St. Church intended to take her & that we "would have a hard scuffle to get her" I have evidence that a child answering the description of this Ann Thompson was seen at the said Thomas Watkins' house, No. 15 Short St. Old Town, this morning.

I therefore respectfully solicit the interference of your honorable court, to assist me in carrying out the wishes of the deceased, [redacted] regard to her child

A. Snowden Piggot

To/ The Honorable Judges of the Orphans' Court Baltimore

Recd. & 11 o'clock A.M.

Clerk

Orphans' Court

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