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Petition of

Elijah M. Bosley.

& Adm. W. A. Th.

Rebecca Bosley.

filed the 21st day of March 1854

To the Honorable the Judges of the Orphans Court for Baltimore City,

The Petition of Elijah M. Bosley Administrator with the Will annexed of Rebecca Bosley, late of the City of Baltimore deceased, respectfully sheweth: that the said Deceased by her last Will and Testament now on Record in your Honorable Court, and to which your Petitioner begs leave to refer, bequeathed four of her Servants as follows, to wit: "Shade to my Son Joshua M. Bosley for the term of ten years from the first day of April eighteen hundred and fifty, Maria to my Son Elijah M. Bosley (your Petitioner) for the term of ten years from the first day of April eighteen hundred and fifty, and each of said servants to be absolutely free from and after the expiration of their respective terms aforesaid; my servant George to my Son Grafton M. Bosley a Slave for life, and my Servant Caroline a Slave for life to my daughter Elizabeth S. Bosley, each upon the terms and conditions following to wit: as soon after my decease as convenient for my Executor herein after named, I desire him to appraise the four Slaves above named at their fair value as nearly as he can, taking into consideration the term of service of those hereinafter to be free, one eighth part of which appraisement value of each Slave above described, each of the above named devisees shall pay to each of my other Children reserving one eighth of the appraised value of the Slave devised to him or her, to himself or herself as the case may be, the object of my Will in this respect being to make the division of the value of said Slaves as nearly equal as possible among all my eight Children, but to designate the devisee of each Slave particularly so as to prevent a Sale thereof for the purpose of a division." Your Petitioner further represents to your Honours, that Elijah Marsh, the Executor named in said Will has renounced said appointment, whereupon Your Petitioner was appointed Administrator with the Will annexed of the said Deceased; that he accepted said appointment and gave Bond according to law - that William Randall and Henry N. Cox were appointed by this Court as Appraisers, who proceeded to discharge their duties, and Your Petitioner returned their proceedings in an Inventory thereof on the 17th day of December 1853 to this Court. -

Your Petitioner now states that on examination of said Inventory