

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

The petition of Caspar Mantz,  
of Baltimore City, State of Maryland,  
respectfully represents that on the 17<sup>th</sup>  
day of October A. D. 1853, a certain Car-  
oline Sawyer, free negro girl, was in-  
dicted, tried and found guilty in the  
Circuit Court of Frederick County, Md.,  
of Larceny: - That sentence was, in said  
Court suspended on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of Octo-  
ber A. D. 1853 and that said Caroline  
was on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 1853  
by the Hon. Madison Nelson, bound as  
an apprentice for the period of three  
years from the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 1853.  
And he further shews by the order of  
said Hon. Court herewith produced  
that your petitioner was thereby au-  
thorized to remove said apprentice  
to the City of Baltimore. And your  
petitioner further represents that  
he has lost the value of the services  
of said apprentice by her having  
absconded from him for a long  
period of time, to wit, about eight  
months. - That in consequence of such  
absconding and running away, your  
petitioner has been put to great  
expense in reclaiming said appren-  
tice, to wit the sum of Twenty Five  
Dollars. - Wherefore your petitioner