

To the Hon. H. H. Goldsborough Judge of the  
Circuit Court for Talbot County.

The petition of Mark Cornish colored man  
of Talbot County respectfully makes known unto  
your Honor that he is the father of a negro boy  
named James Henry Cornish who is an infant  
under twenty one years of age; that he is entitled  
to the management and control of said infant  
that in January last said boy was hired to one  
William C. Turner of Talbot County, on condition  
that said boy was willing to live with the said  
Turner; that said Turner has cruelly whipped  
beat and bruised said boy James and in conse-  
quence thereof said boy left the service of the said  
Turner and came to the House of your Petitioner  
that said Turner came after said boy and took him  
off against the protest of your Petitioner and the  
will of said boy; and that on his way home; to wit  
On the premises of Mrs. Hannah Dudley Stripped  
and most cruelly and unmercifully beat said  
boy; that said boy is unwilling to live with  
said Turner, and is unlawfully restrained of his  
rights and liberty.

Your Petitioner therefore prays your Honor  
to grant unto him the writ of Habeas Corpus against  
the said William C. Turner, Commanding him to be  
and appear with said boy James, before your Honor  
on some day to be therein named to show cause  
why the said infant should not be delivered into  
the custody and care of your Petitioner &c.

Alfred J. Dampf  
Atty for Pet.