

BIRNEY BARRACKS,
Baltimore, December 5th, 1864.

LIEUT. COL. S. B. LAWRENCE,

A. A. Gen'l Middle Depart. 8th A. C.

Sir:—I have the honor to report that I have been requested to lay before the Commanding General the following case:

Susan Spicer, a colored girl, was hired by her mistress, Mrs. S. Poshong, before the State was emancipated, to Mrs. Malcolm, living on Charles street Avenue, and it is said she treats her in the most cruel manner, keeping her for twenty-four hours at times without food. Also, that she has had scarcely any clothes to her back or shoes to her feet for nearly a year. She is kept at work under servilence, and as soon as she is done she is confined in a room and no one is allowed to see or speak to her.

Hoping something may be done to relieve this poor creature from the hands of her tyrants.

I remain sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. T. AUGUSTA,

Surgeon 7th U. S. C. Troops.

Endorsed—“A statement of the ill-treatment of Susan Spicer, a colored girl, by Mrs. Malcolm, residing on Charles street Avenue. Hopes something may be done for her.”

I went to my master after my children and he ordered me away; he told me if I did not go he was going to shoot me; he says before I shall have my children he will blow their brains out; he says I must not step my foot on his farm again.

There is three boys with my sister's child; my two boys and my sister's child, Perry, Henry, Tom.

Mr. Jimmy Gailes is my master, Eastern Shore, Maryland.

HESTER ANTHONY.

Endorsed—“States her master, Mr. James Gailes, holds her children and refuses to give them up.”