

*Endorsed*—"States Mr. Irving Spence, at Snow Hill, Md., holds his children and refuses to give them up. Requests they be released."

BALTIMORE, Dec. 2, 1864.

*Sir*:—This is to inform you that five years ago I hired with a family keeping the Three Mile House, on the Hookstown road, by the name of Buffinton. I had a girl child thirteen years old. After living there one week they had her bound to them without my consent, the time being out in October last. On last Wednesday week she came to me nearly bare-foot, and has been sick ever since. On yesterday he brought two police and took her away, and says no officer nor any one else shall have her. He is no friend to the Union. Her name is Mary Lee. Mine is Lucy Lee. Yours, very respectfully.

*Endorsed*—"States that her daughter, Mary Lee, has been bound by a family by the name of Buffinton, without her consent. That Mr. Buffinton came with two police and took her away, and said that no officer nor other person should have her, and that he was no friend to the Union."

STATEMENT OF THALES A. LINTHICUM:

A day or so after the New Constitution went into effect, Mrs. J. Solon S. Linthicum called upon me stating that the negro girl Rosa, theretofore belonging to her husband, was at the house of Joseph M. Brian, in Anne Arundel county, and asked me to advise her what to do with her, and whether if any one, other than the girl's mother should come for her, she should or not give her up to such person. I told Mrs. Linthicum that the girl was free and like any white child, and that nobody, except her mother, was entitled to her, and that she (Mrs. Linthicum) was not entitled to her, except by the consent of the girl, and that under General Wallace's or-