

that I can secure her child's discharge as soon as we have a sitting of our court. At least I shall leave no effort untried to accomplish that end. Mary is very poor, as she informs me, and hence I have only charged her \$5 for any and all service that I may be called on to render in the case of her child. The case is an extremely hard one, and the moderate fee charged is made in part with reference to that fact.— Please see that Mary forwards to me that amount per mail, as also information of where a letter from me will reach her. I do not know as yet, but it may be that I will have to require Mary to be here at the trial. She will at least have to be here when her child is released.

In haste, I remain very truly yours, &c.,

ULYSSES HOBBS.

Endorsed—Baltimore, Maryland, November 21st, 1864.— Respectfully referred to Hon. Mr. Price, U. S. D. Attorney for Maryland. Is it not possible for the law officers of the Government, to give assistance in cases like this matter?— And is not the judicial interposition proper?

LEW WALLACE,
Major General Commanding.

GEN. WALLACE:

The bearer of this, Mary A. Barnes, has been in my employ some months, and I believe her story can be relied upon.

Her former owners are rebels, and will not hesitate to hold her child in jail to gratify their hellish purposes towards the colored people.

She has a strong motherly feeling for her child, and it would be a great act of charity for her, as well as the child, if you could take it from prison where it has been confined for two months or more.

Respectfully yours,
J. A. PECK,
No. 26, North Street.

Endorsed—Relation to the child of Mary A. Barnes, colored, which has been confined in prison for two months.— Asks that it be released.

MAJ. J. A. ROSS:

Sir:—The child spoken of is confined in jail at Ellicotts Mills, and has been there for four months. I know of no charge against the child.

They may have trumped something.

Her name is Julia Barnes.

Respectfully yours, J. A. PECK.