

WESTMINSTER, November 15th, 1864.
 MAJ. W. M. ESTE, A. D. C.,
 Chief of Freedmens' Bureau,
 Middle Department,
 Baltimore, Md.,

Sir:—As some doubt has arisen in the Orphans' Court for this county in regard to the true meaning of General Order No. 112, in connection with the freed population of this State as to the jurisdiction of said court, so as not to conflict with the provisions of said order, in binding out colored children for a term of years. I drop you this note for information upon that subject, and below briefly state the case, and desire to know if it applies in this case.

A boy some thirteen years of age has selected a person with whom he desires to live and to be bound under the laws of the State until he becomes of age, by the Orphans' Court. The boy formerly belonged to the person to whom he desires to be bound, and is now anxious to remain with him and be bound as above. The court hesitates to act in the matter because of their not being fully informed as to the application of the order.

Your early reply will confer a favor.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully, yours,

CHAS. J. REIFSNIDER.

Westminster, Carroll county, Md.

Endorsed—"Requests an explanation of G. O. 112, &c."

SNOW HILL, October 29th, 1863.

GENERAL CASE,

Dear Sir:—I appeal to you for advice and likewise to act as my friend for the following circumstances: About twelve months ago my husband enlisted under Col. Birney, Co. B. 39th Reg't, U. S. C. T., and at Christmas my mistress, Priscilla Melbourne, told me to leave with three children, without