

BALTIMORE, *November 18th, 1864.*

STATEMENT OF HESTER HALL, COL'D.

Hester Hall, Sterling street, Baltimore city, says: I formerly resided at "Lady's Manor," near Towsontown, Baltimore county, where my grand-child is now held as a slave by John B. Pierce. On last Saturday I went to that place for the purpose of bring my grand-child, Sarah Jane Hall, away with me, she having no one else to look after her. I asked Mr. Pierce, or told him that I wished to bring her away, when he ordered me out of the house, at the time threatening to place me in jail if I did not leave. I then left without my grand-child.

her
HESTER \times HALL.
mark.

Witness,

WM. ARMSTRONG.

Endorsed—"States that her grand-child is now held as a slave by John B. Pierce, that she went to that place for the purpose of bringing her away with her, that she asked for her, but was ordered off by Mr. Pierce, who threatened to place her in jail if she did not leave, and that she left without her grand-child."

BALTIMORE, *November 19th, 1864.*

I am the father of Maria L. Hinson, aged 13 years, James Hinson, aged 11 years, and Frisbie Hinson, aged about 8 years. These children were born slaves, the mother is dead, and their former master, Mr. William H. Beck, of Queen Anne's county, had them bound to him without my consent or wishes. They were arrested by a constable at the residence of persons where I had placed them, and taken to Mr. Becks, and on my seeking some satisfactory explanation from him, he told me I had nothing to do with the matter.

his
FRISBIE \times HINSON.
mark.