

which is a very small compensation for what she is capable of doing, provided there is no objection to his so doing, until there is some provision made by the State for such case. He does not now hold her in servitude, but is merely keeping her, as she has no place to go to, and no one to provide for her. He laid the case before the County Commissioners, they told him they had no jurisdiction, and he now appeals to you what shall be done with the woman.

Please let me hear from you as early as convenient, and oblige,

Your very humble servant,

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To MAJOR WM. M. ESTE,

*Baltimore.*

*Endorsed*—“States that one of his neighbors has a colored woman, who is an idiot, and desirous to stay with her former master, who is willing to keep her and pay her wages, providing there is no objection. Requests to know what shall be done with the woman.”

PRINCE FREDERICK, *Nov. 26th, 1864.*

MAJOR GENERAL WALLACE:

*Dear Sir* :—About two weeks ago I saw by the papers, your order concerning the binding out of colored children. At that time the Orphans' Court had commenced to bind out children, but as soon as your order was published, I understand they pretended that they bound none, but stopped proceeding. The children that they pretended to bind out, were children that would hire for wages, and some would be able to get near one hundred dollars hire. They never consulted the parents as to whom they should bind them, but went on to bind in disregard of law or justice. The colored people here can take care of their own children, and are willing to do it, as all or nearly all have children that they can get good wages for, which with their own labor they can get a decent support, and if let alone will do it. But the people here, or a great many of them, don't seem to be satisfied unless they have