

Desiring to possess my children which I believe are unlawfully withheld from me and having no means by which to test in the courts my legal claim, would most respectfully petition the interposition of the military authority of this district, as promised in the order from Head Quarters dated November, 1864.

Your petitioner will ever pray, &c.

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ELIZABETH \times KENNARD.
mark

Witness present:

O. P. MERRYMAN.

The certificates of the undersigned residents of the neighborhood is affixed in testimony of the facts herein set forth.

OLIVER P. MERRYMAN, [Seal.]

SAMUEL J. BUCKMAN, [Seal.]

JOHN J. ANDERSON, [Seal.]

Endorsed—“States that three of her children were bound to Mrs. Woodward by the Orphans’ Court of Anne Arundel county, without her consent and requests to have them returned.

BALTIMORE, *N v.* 29th, 1864.

MAJOR GEN. WALLACE :

Dear Sir :—This woman Milley Henson, of the city of Baltimore, says she called upon you this morning in reference to her two children, named Charles Henson, aged 12 years, and Israel Henson, aged 7 years, both of whom she represents have been taken against their will and the will of their parents, and have bound them to Col. Somerfield Berry. She says she is able to care for and wants to educate her children.

I have the honor to be, dear sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. CREAGER,

588 West Baltimore St.

Agent U. S. S. Commission.

Endorsed—“States that Milley Henson says she called on the Major General in reference to her children, and represents