

on their account we desired to be free, for the few years we have to live, what need we care. No good, sir, its for our children. The old bones will sleep as sound in a slave as in a free grave. Give us our children, and don't let them be raised in the ignorance we have; help us, and God will help you at the last day. The last day will bring a fearful reckoning for our old masters, and as he punishes them he will reward you.

Very respectfully,

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LUCY \times LEE,
mark.

Per WM. H. LEVERING, *Colored.*

*Formerly a slave to Mr. Wm. Hutchins,
Calvert county, Md.*

No. 9, LAW BUILDINGS,

11th January, 1865.

COL. W. E. W. ROSS:

Dear Sir:—This woman should apply to the Orphans' Court of Batimore county, and learn from the indenture of the apprenticeship, which is there recorded, whether the time has yet arrived at which her daughter was to be free. If it has not, nothing can be done. If it has, she can be released by civil authority without difficulty. I greatly fear, from the statement, that her time of apprenticeship is not yet out.

Very respectfully, &c.,

H. STOCKBRIDGE.

Endorsed—"States that her daughter, 18 years old, is now kept in servitude by one Mr. Buffington, Baltimore county."

BALTIMORE, Dec. 21st, 1864.

LIEUT. COL. W. E. W. ROSS,

In charge Freedman's Bureau.

Middle Dept., 8th Army Corps.

Sir:—I have a son named Alexander Tripp, aged (9) nine years, formerly owned by Charles Martin, of Easton, Talbot county, Maryland, whose brother, Trust Martin, of this city,