

informed me that my son had been bound to his brother Charles, by the Orphans' Court of Easton. Some time last January, Charles Martin gave this boy to Trust Martin as a waiter in his house, where he lived until yesterday, the 20th inst. When I went to the house of Trust Martin, and told my son that wanted to take him home with me to Cambridge, Maryland. Trust Martin being informed that I intended starting far home this morning, he procured the services of a policeman named North, to wait at the boat until I came, when he was to be taken in charge by the policeman North, and carried back to the house of Trust Martin in this city, all of which I am opposed to. I wishing to secure my boy, did not go to the boat. Can any means be resorted to by which I can keep him in my possession. I, with the help of my husband, am able to support him.

Very respectfully,

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ANN MARIA X TRIPP,  
mark.

Witness—B. C. CUSHING.

*Endorsed*—“States that she has just obtained possession of her son, and that his former master threatens, and has taken measures to force the boy from her. Requests an order placing the boy under her protection until further orders.”

CHURCH CREEK, DORCHESTER COUNTY, MD.,

December 21st, 1864.

LT. COL. W. E. W. ROSS,

*In charge of Freedman's Bureau,*

*No. 34 North street, Baltimore, Md.,*

*Sir*:—I respectfully desire your assistance in restoring to his mother, William H. Dixon, now or lately retained against his mother's wish in your city by Mr. James Woodside, in Sharp street, near Conway. Some facts in the case are these viz: Mary Dixon, the mother of the above named William H. Dixon, was the slave of Mr. James Woodside's wife, and married a free man named Daniel Dixon, (who is now a soldier in the Union army,) by whom she has several children, of whom William H. Dixon is one. Mary Dixon tells me