

that a short time before the adoption of the present Constitution of this State, Mr. James Woodside removed the forementioned William H. Dixon to your city, that she went to your city after the present Constitution went into effect to bring him home but Mr. James Woodside refused to let him go, and that she had sent a colored man to Mr. James Woodside's previous to her going for him and he was refused also. She further tells me that she needs her son's services and thinks she can take care of him

As to the woman's character I think it is unexceptionable. She is industrious, honest and chaste.

Very truly,

Your obedient servant,

DANIEL T. OREM.

*Endorsed*—"Requests to have William H. Dixon restored to his mother, he being illegally held to bondage by one James Woodside, of Baltimore city."

JANUARY 4TH, 1865.

COLONEL ROSS:

*Dear Sir*:—I have now in possession three negro children whose respective ages are 4, 8 and 10 years, who are without a mother she being dead, or father, these children having no relatives nearer to my knowledge than a grand-mother, who is about 50 or 55 years of age and to whom I gave one little girl before these difficulties took place, and being convinced that she is incapable of taking care of them and as they are in my family and have been cared for, I still feel willing to take care of or provide for them, and moreover that I am willing to give them up, and I further state that nothing but an anxious solicitude for their welfare induces me thus to act.

Very respectfully,

BENJAMIN OSBORN,

*Johnson's Store P. O.*

*Endorsed*—"Statement regarding the holding of three children without parents."