

BALTIMORE, *December 13th, 1864.*

Sir:—I have a grand-son and grand-daughter, aged respectively 14 and 10 years, formerly owned by William Jessop, near Cockeysville, Baltimore county, Md., the boy left the house of William Jessop on or about the 2nd day of November, and the girl about the same time, the boy went to the house of his aunt who lives with Levering Sparks, near the place of William Jessop. William Jessop sent Matthew Johnson after the boy and brought him home the next day, the girl was at the house of William Jessop on last Friday, she also was brought back but by whom I do not know, the boy was not willing to be brought back to William Jessop. I went to the house of William Jessop and there saw his wife who asked me if I had come after the children, I answered yes, she said I could have the mother of the children but not the children, as they were bound. I wish to have these children under my charge and not in the possession of William Jessop. Can any means be resorted to by which this can be obtained.

Very respectfully,

her
SUSAN \times THOMAS.
mark.

Witness,

R. C. CUSHING.

Endorsed—“Requests to have her two grand-children restored to her, they being illegally held by one Wm. Jessop.”

To LT. COL. S. B. LAWRENCE,

Eighth Army Corps Head Quarters,

Middle Department.

Deposition of Fanny Thompson, colored, the former slave of Richard Smith, of Chestertown, Talbot county, State of Maryland, that since the adoption of the new Constitution of the State of Maryland, she was called upon by the said Smith concerning the binding of her children to him, but refused so to bind them to him, and he replied that he would have it done whether she consented or not and that she could not help it, and any paper that she has signed has been done by threats used towards her and against her will and consent, and that