

you a copy of reply that I received from Mr. Wilson. I am now living with Mr. Webster, and received for my last year's services \$25 per month, so that I am well prepared to take care of my children, still being in the employ of Mr. Webster. Hoping that you may find it entirely in your power to restore to me my children, I submit this case.

Very respectfully,
WILLIAM H. BROWN, (col.,)
Johnson's Store, A. A. county, Md.

STRAWBERRY PLAINS, *Jan. 10th, 1865.*

MR. J. L. WEBSTER:

Dear Sir:—Yours of the 31st was received on day before yesterday. In order to prevent any further trouble to you, I write this, to inform you that those children you speak about, has bin bound as aprentices by the Orphan's Court, and advice by the States Atorney Genral.

Yours respectfully,
JAMES S. WILSON.

Endorsed—"States that Mr. Wilson holds two of his children, and will not allow him to see them, and on making a request for them, he sent the enclosed answer. Requests that they be restored to him if possible."

SIMPSONVILLE, HOWARD COUNTY, MD.,
Dec. 12th, 1864.

LIEUT. COL. W. E. W. ROSS,
31st Regt., U. S. C. T.,

In charge Freedman's Bureau:

Sir:—I have the honor respectfully to state that a detective by the name of Marsh, came to my residence on the 11th inst. and took out of my possession one negro boy, named John, and carried the said negro boy to Michael G. Dorsey, without my consent. This boy was given to me to take care of by his mother, who lives with Michael G. Dorsey, and who was formerly a slave of my family. The boy is about (6) six years of age. I also state, that I have at my own expense clothed this boy for the Winter. Michael G. Dorsey has tried to force the mother of the boy to give her consent