

of military or civil laws, he had a boy named John who was a slave until the new Constitution of the State of Maryland set him free, he then refused to give the boy to his mother from her request, (the mother of the boy.) I sent two soldiers of the 1st Delaware Cavalry to proceed to the house of Napoleon Dorsey and request of him to send by them the boy John, which the mother of Mr. N. Dorsey complied with.

I am sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. H. MARSH,

*U. S. Special Agent.*

*Endorsed*—“Statement of C. H. Marsh, U. S. Special Detective in relation to the negro woman Caroline and boy John.”

HEAD QUARTERS, 1ST SEPARATE BRIGADE, 8TH ARMY CORPS,  
RELAY HOUSE, MD., *December 16th, 1864.*

Statement of Michael G. Dorsey, of Howard county, Md., in relation to the negro woman Caroline and her boy John:

The negro woman and child belong to Mrs. Mary Porter, of Virginia, but remained at the house of Mr. Napoleon Dorsey, of Howard county, Md., who was acting as Mrs. Porter's agent she living at the time within the rebel lines.

I, Michael G. Dorsey hired the negro woman Caroline, of Napoleon Dorsey, he acting as Mrs. Porter's agent. The negro woman Caroline went to the house of Napoleon Dorsey on the 8th of November, 1864, and took her son John who was made free by the new Constitution of Maryland, and took him to my house where she was living; the next morning Napoleon Dorsey came to my house and took the boy John away contrary to the wishes of his mother. The boy John remained at the house of Napoleon Dorsey until C. H. Marsh, U. S. Special Detective sent to the house and brought the boy John back to my house at the request of his mother. I also state that I do not know of any acts of Napoleon Dorsey that would point him out as a rebel sympathizer, but the general impression among his neighbors is that he sympathizes with the rebels.

MICHAEL G. DORSEY.

Witness,

RICHARD C. ROBINS,

*1st Lt. 11th U. S. Infantry, and A. A. D. C.*

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