

LONG MARSH QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, *Jan 20th, 1865.*

GEN. ROSS:

*Respected Sir:*—I write with regard to the recovery of my boy Samuel C. Hall, son of Frederick Hall, now in the U. S. service.

My boy by the New Constitution was free from Samuel S. Walls on the first of November last. He at once took him to Orphans' Court of our county and had him bound to him without my consent and against my will. He is my only child about thirteen years old. I am able to keep him and want him if there is any law to give him to me. I want you to take the matter in hand for me and get him by whatever means you may see proper. I think it hard that my companion should be away from me in his country service and I at the same time deprived of my only child, contrary to the free laws and institutions for which his father is fighting. I want you to get the boy in your own name as you proposed when I was to see you.

I received a letter from my husband a few days since, in which he requests you to get the boy at once and hand him over to me.

This statement has been made to you some time since in a letter from a white man, who has since said he failed to put his name to it, but I have heard nothing from it. I hope to hear from you as soon as possible.

Your humble servant,

CHARLOTTE HALL.

*Endorsed;*—"Request to have her son restored to her."

BALTIMORE, *Jan. 20th, 1865.*

HEAD QUARTERS MIDDLE DEP'T 8th, A. C.

FREEDMAN'S BUREAU.

LT. COL. SAM'L B. LAWRENCE, A. A. G.

*Sir:*—I would respectfully represent that I was informed that Miss Eliza Goodwin, residing between Texas and Timonium, Baltimore county, retained possession of a child with-