

Emily Berryman, mother of the children says :

Dr. Houston sent for me and said he wanted the children bound to him. I told him I did not want them bound to any one as I was able to support them with the assistance of my father and sister. I am now supporting two of them in that way, one I have hired to Mr. Russell for her victuals and clothes as she is very small. My husband said Gen. Birney told him he could come and get the children. I give the two other children their clothes and my father and sister feed them.

WM. D. NORMAN,

*Lieut. and A. D. C.*

*Endorsed*—"Statement in the case of Dr. B. F. Houston, of Chestertown, Maryland."

In 1862, the 2nd Friday in May, myself and Matilda Edwards and Kitty Blackson, were setting down on the shore at Mr. Duvall's shucking oysters, and talking about Mr. Lincoln, the war and the emancipation which was to take place in 1864. Mr Duvall rode up in our midst and overheard me say that Mr. Lincoln was the man that God had ordained to set the Ethiopian free. He then called me an abolitionist, and said I was a Lincolnite, for this he had me cast into prison on the 22nd of August 1862, and told me that he would avenge me if it cost him his life, this only being a charge, he made his son Vinton Duvall take a false oath that I was persuading his two men servants Jerry and Pompey away ; himself during my trial at the court swore that I had taken Dick Brown, William Tucker's man servant, into the Parole Camp for Mr. James, who was at that time Clergyman of the camp to send him away, this brought in an indictment against me, and I was taken out of prison 3d day of February, 1863, and sold at the Court House to go out of the State to stay for 15 years. And he has taken away my house and all my property. the ground which the house is built on he gave me for my lifetime, he has also taken and if not destroyed, he will not give up my free papers, my bills and receipts, and the contract of my house which he gave me himself of his own hand writing, signed with the consent of his wife Elizabeth Duvall, and I was sent away out of the State, under penalty of going to the Penitentiary for life, was the order which I received