

long since expired, and said negro, born manumitted, according to law, that at the time of his apprehension the said negro was, and has been for seven or eight years previously a resident of this State, and that he has had for said time, and still has a wife and family at the house of Doctor John E. Berry of Prince Georges County; that he has been in the habit during said time of working, by the day in the Town of Alexandria, where manual labour was in greater requisition and where he was better compensated for his labour than in said County, that he has been employed by said Samuel B. Harper by the day, and that he has been in the practice of going to the City of Alexandria and returning to his family in said County for the last seven or eight years. The said Samuel B. Harper further represents that, at the time of his arrest, the said negro was living with the widow of the aforesaid Captain Samuel Harper, who died but a short time before, said negro having been persuaded by the aforesaid Doctor John E. Berry to remain with said widow, until the arrival of the said Samuel B. Harper from Sea as a protector of the said widow's inheritance, in her then desolate and afflicted situation; and that said negro, grateful for his manumission and from a principle of humanity and benevolence, consented to remain, and that while in the occupation and employment of said widow, he was enticed away and carried to Upper Marlborough and committed to jail for the offence aforesaid; that the said negro was ignorant of the Law prohibiting his emigrating into this State, and that even if he had been apprised of it he would not have supposed that he was within the Law, or considered as a non-resident. The said Samuel B. Harper therefore joined the said William Brooks in asking a remission of the part of said fine which goes to Prince Georges County. And the said Samuel B. Harper having verified said statement by affidavit; and the Chief Judge of Prince Georges County Court, and sundry respectable citizens of said County having recommended a compliance with the prayer of the petition, we do hereby remit the said fine, so far as payable to the State.

James Thomas
Thos. W. Keagy
G. C. Washington
N. H. Williams
John S. Martin
Quinn Harris

Tuesday March 3rd 1835.

The Council met. Present the same as on yesterday.

On the nomination of His Excellency the Governor, and by and with the advice and consent of the Council, the following civil and military appointments were made and commissions issued accordingly.

Frederick Harman and Reuben Warfield, additional J. S. of the Peace of Anne Arundel County.