

James Keen } Commissioned Mulatto, to the State of Maryland with
the design of disposing, or selling, said human
into slavery. There was not been a shadow of evidence against said
Keen, & hereby request Justice Wilson before whom the accusation
was made that he forthwith discharge him. W. B. Hurst
Dep. Atty. Gen.

July 22^d 1839.

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"Under the requisition of the Governor of Maryland on the Govern-
ment of Pennsylvania and the proceedings had thereon"
July 22^d 1839. After rehearing defendant James Keen is discharged.

York County N.C.

certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of
the Proceedings in this case as appears by the books & the
several Papers referred to. In testimony of which I have hereunto
set my hand and seal at York in the said County the 22^d
day of July. 1839.

John A. Wilson Seal

York, Pa. 22^d July 1839.

was of counsel for James Keen Esq. Sheriff for Bedford
County Md. in a prosecution instituted against him, before
John A. Wilson, Esq. a Justice of the Peace on the information of
Isaac Cummins, under the Act of Assembly, of the 27th of March,
1830 to prevent kidnapping -

Cummins was in the County prison being
arrested as a fugitive slave, when Mr. Keen arrived here as the
Agent of the State of Maryland, with a Warrant from Gov. Porter directed
to Judge Barker, on any Justice of the Peace of the County, to have
said Cummins arrested and delivered to Mr. Keen to take to Mary-
land for trial on a charge of larceny. After Judge Barker had
directed the Sheriff of this County to deliver Cummins to Mr.
Keen, he Cummins made the information above alluded to, on
which Mr. Keen was arrested.

The prosecution was considered by this com-
munity so far as I have ascertained their opinions, as friv-
olous, vexatious and oppressive; and Mr. Keen at the written re-
quest of the Deputy Attorney General for this County, was dischar-
ged because there was not a shadow of evidence against him.

Mr. Keen though arrested on a most unfounded charge
of a felony which is severely punished by our laws, and under
circumstances peculiarly trying to the feelings submitted himself