

TESTIMONY.

City of New York, ss.

Thomas Peck, of said city, being sworn, says that on the twentieth day of December instant, Joseph Belt, while walking with this deponent in Duane street, was kidnapped by some persons to deponent unknown, and was carried off, and deponent has just learned, that said Belt was carried to Gravesend, on Long Island, by his kidnappers, and is there detained by them, waiting for a change of wind, to be carried to the south as a fugitive slave, and he believes that he will be carried out of the State before he can be relieved by a writ of habeas corpus.

THOMAS PECK.

Sworn before me this 21st December, 1848.

J. W. EDMONDS.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,
*To the Sheriff of the County of Kings, or to any Policeman of
of the City of New York, Greeting:—*

WHEREAS, it has been made to appear to me, by satisfactory proof, that Joseph Belt, a colored boy, is held in illegal confinement by certain persons to him unknown, at Gravesend, on Long Island, under the pretence of his being a fugitive slave, and there being good reason to believe that he will be carried out of the State before he can be relieved by the issuing of a habeas corpus.

These, are therefore, to command you forthwith to take the said Joseph Belt, and him forthwith bring before me, at the City Hall, in the city of New York, to be dealt with according to law.

Given under my hand and seal this 21st day of December, 1848.

J. W. EDMONDS, [L. s.]
Justice Supreme Court.

I hereby depute R. F. Hulse to execute the within process.

DANIEL VAN VOORHIS, Sheriff.