

John Fergus
 The subscriber returns that ~~negro~~ ^{John} is
 detained by virtue of a commitment in his
 custody, a copy of which is herewith annexed
 To: Walter Franklin
 President of the second
 Judicial district of
 Pennsylvania

John Graeff Jailer

Wm. H. ~~Franklin~~ ^{Franklin}
 John Graeff Jailer for the
 Board of
 Negro John Fergus

By act of Assembly of
 1813

Wednesday April 3. 1813. - No
 sufficient legal reason appearing
 to me for retaining the Negro John
 Fergus in custody, he is now to be
 discharged — Walter Franklin

Lancaster County, ss. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to *John Grady Sailors*
~~William R. Miller~~ GREETING.

YOU are hereby commanded, that the Body of *John Furgis (negro)* under
your custody detained, as it is said, together with the day and cause of *his* being taken and
detained, by whatsoever name the said *John Furgis (negro)* shall be charged in
the same, you have, under safe and secure conduct, before the honorable *Walter Franklin Esquire*
at his Chamber

in the borough of Lancaster, at *twelve* o'clock, in the *fore*-noon; to do and receive all those things which the said Judge
shall then and there consider of in this particular.

WITNESS the honorable *Walter Franklin, Esquire*, President of the Court of Common Pleas of said County, at Lancaster,
the *First* day of *April* in the year of our LORD, one thousand eight hun-
dred and *thirteen*

Allowed by

Walter Franklin

John Pasmore

2^d Month

Wm. P. Atlee

on Affidavit
on which
to found
an Habeas
Corpus.

Lancaster History

Lancaster County Pa

Personally came before me, Walter Franklin, President of the second judicial district of Pennsylvania, William P. Atlee, who being sworn doth depose and say, that negro John Fergus is confined in the common jail of Lancaster County. And that to the best of the known belief of this deponent the said John is not detained for any criminal or supposed criminal matter.

And further saith not -

Sworn and subscribed before me at Lancaster this first day of April in the year four and one thousand eight hundred & thirteen

Walter Franklin

W. P. Atlee

Set before Capt. J. W. Atlee before me at 12 o'clock on Saturday next W. F. —