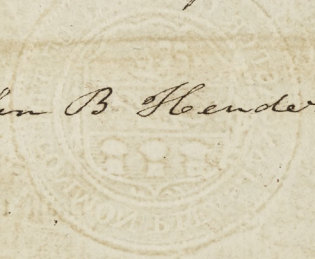


John B Henderson, respectfully returns that
the within named Negro Charlotte is held
by virtue of assignment, dated 18th June 1813 -
from G W Lightner.

John B Henderson



Sr
Wmth

Adv.
Cor.

for
Barton Henderson of the
Archibaldson - City of
Charlotte
Newville

By Act of Assembly 1785.

Levee near Lightner's
Slaves

27th of Henderson's Charles the Mendon
Census Books - Wmth Franklins

\$1 due
Henderson

is carried till the first day of Aug: next at
10 o'clock A.M. - 11/17

Lancaster County, ss.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to *Baron Henderson* ^{Archibald's Son} GREETING.

YOU are hereby commanded, that the Body of *Charlotte Merideth* under your custody detained, as it is said, together with the day and cause of *her* being taken and detained, by whatsoever name the said *Charlotte* shall be charged in the same, you have, under safe and secure conduct, before the honorable *Judge of the Court*

of Common Pleas, at the Court House, on Saturday the 26th inst.

in the borough of Lancaster, at *10* 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 *twenty third* day of *March* in the year of our LORD, one thousand eight hundred and *fourteen*

Allowed by

Walter Franklin

John Dasmore *Pro*

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Month Affidavit
 on which
 to found
 Jan Hab.
 Corpuz

LANCASTER COUNTY, Pa

Personally appeared in open Court William Meredith who being duly qualified according to Law says, that his Wife Charlotte was born a slave in the State of Maryland and so lived & continued in the States of Maryland & Delaware untill in June last when she was sold for a Term of Years to a certain Barton Henderson of this County. That to the best of Defendants knowledge & belief the said Charlotte never ~~has been~~ ^{was} manumitted, and so by the laws of this Commonwealth was entitled to freedom after six months residence in the State. That she is now in the possession & service of said Henderson, confined & restrained of her liberty by virtue of the said purchase & sale, and not by virtue of any commitment or Detainer for any criminal or supposed

Criminal matter
Sworn in open Court
March 23^d 1814
Test J. Clarkson
For J. Pappmore
Prot.

Wm Meredith
mark

Spec. Del. Court, Sat. Saturday
the 26th Inst. directed to Barton
Henderson — W. Frankline
23^d March 1814
Wm Pappmore Secy

In the Court of Common Pleas of Lancaster County in the
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Commonwealth

14.

Habeas Corpus for the body of Charlotte Me-
redith, a black woman.

Barton Henderson

And now April the twenty third 1814,
the Court grant a Rule to take the Depositions of
witnesses, before Levi Tyson Esquire, at his House
in Elton, Cecil County, Maryland, on Saturday
the 28th day of May next, between the hours of
Ten & twelve o'clock A.M. to be read in evidence
before said Court at the hearing of said Habeas
Corpus. Notice given at Barr.

Attest John Passmore *clerk*

I John Partridge of Cecil County being duly
sworn on the above Commission do depose that by
my Father's Will (who lived and died in New-
Castle County State of Delaware) dated 8th January
1793 - Negroe Girl Charlotte is bequeathed
to my Sister Margaret - (now Margaret - Alexander)
"to serve her, her heirs and assigns till she
Charlotte shall attain the age of thirty
one Years then to be free" - Charlotte
was born about May 1791 - and was
bought into this State Maryland about
from the State of Delaware some time
in the year 1794. or 1795 by my Sister
Margaret

Marquet ^{then} who removed from the
State of Delaware to live with
me in Maryland where she has
ever since resided Bartholomew

Sworn this 28th May 1814.

Before me the within named Commissioner
Levi Tyson Commissioner

I William Alexander being duly sworn
on the above Commission doth depose and
say that Negro Charlotte was sold by him
to Spencer Biddle of Maryland for a term
of years - and that the said Spencer Biddle
covenanted and agreed by an instrument of
writing not to hold her longer than about
eleven years, but when the said agreement
was executed, ^{the same being mislaid or lost} this Deponent does not recollect

and that the said Charlotte has been since
sold by the said Spencer Biddle to John
Thompson then of Maryland -

Sworn this 28th May 1814

Before me the within named Commissioner

Levi Tyson Commissioner

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Filed June 27th 1811