

Joseph Alexander of Couleur Belonging To John Snerely Franklin County  
Near Jamperstown Brought by John Ferry The 5 September 1815 & Committed  
Lancaster County Gaol The 14. 1815

Philip Eberman Gaoler

Lancaster Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 1815

Philip Eberman, Gaoler of the County of Lancaster, res-  
pectfully returns to the <sup>honorable</sup> that Alexander, is held by him,  
on allegation by John Ferry, that the said Joseph Alexander,  
is a slave belonging to John Snerely, of Franklin County,  
and that he has absconded from his said master.

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By Act of Assembly 1785

Sept. 14. 1815 At the day, time and  
place appointed for hearing the within  
case: The jury no proof before  
me of any right or authority to  
detain the within named slave  
who I have directed him to be  
discharged. Master Thomas

\$1.00 paid  
Ferry



Lancaster County, ss. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to *Philip Eberman* GREETING.

YOU are hereby commanded, that the Body of *Joseph Alexander* 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 *Joseph Alexander* shall be charged in  
the same, you have, under safe and secure conduct, before the honorable *Walter Franklin Esq*

*tomorrow noon, at his Chamber*

in the borough of Lancaster, at *12* o'clock, ~~in the~~ ~~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 *thirteenth* day of *September* in the year of our LORD, one thousand eight hun-  
dred and *fifteen*

Allowed by

*Walter Franklin*

*John Passmore Clk*



Mr. Com<sup>rs</sup> 1815  
Philip Sherman to Count  
an Ab. Got  
for the Body of  
Joseph Alexander.

Spec Sept 13 1815



Personally appeared before me, Walter Franklin, President  
of the second judicial district ~~George~~ Morris  
who being duly sworn, doth say, that Joseph Alexander  
negro, is now in actual confinement in the Common  
Goal of the County of Lancaster, and that such confinement  
to the best of the knowledge and belief of this deponent,  
is not by virtue of any commitment, or detainer,  
for any criminal or supposed criminal matter. This  
deponent therefore prays that a habeas corpus may be  
awarded, directed to the Goaler of the County of  
Lancaster, to to bring to have the body of the said  
Joseph Alexander before your honour, <sup>to</sup> and shew the  
cause of such confinement and restraint

Sworn and subscribed before me this Thirteenth  
day of September A.D. 1815 *Walter Franklin*

*George Morris*

Let Hab. Corpus <sup>now</sup> ~~issue~~ ret. before me at my Chambers  
to morrow ~~morning~~ at 12 o'clock - usual Allowance  
N.T.  
Sept. 13. 1815.

*Jas. Papmore Esq.*