

To the within Habeas Corpus, the D^{ft} Philip Eberman makes the following Return to the Honorable Walter Franklin President of the Court of Gen. Pleas in the 2^d Judicial Dist^{ct}

That He detains the said William Butler by Virtue of a Commitment from John Light Esq^r a Justice of the Peace for Lancaster County, which is in Writing in the following words:

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania }
Is the Keeper of Goal of said County of Lancaster }
Deals } We herewith send you the Body of William Butler

Charged before John Light one of the Justices of the Peace in & for the said County on oath by Adam Dillet, with being a Run away Slave - and you the said Keeper are hereby enjoined to receive the said William Butler into your Custody into the said Goal & him there safely keep until until he shall thence be legally discharged. Witness the said John Light at Lancaster the 16th day of August A^D 1816 — all which the said Philip

Eberman respectfully returns. Philip Eberman Goal

17th Philip Eberman

Habeas Corpus

for the Body of
William Butler to appear
before Walter Franklin
Esquire at 5 o'clock
P.M. at his Chamber

By Act of Assembly 1795.

At the time appointed for hearing no
cause being shown for the detaining of the
said William Butler, Butler, &c.
the Judges that he be discharged from
imprisonment — Aug¹⁷ 1816 —

Walter Franklin

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

YOU are hereby commanded, that the Body of *William Butler* 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 *William Butler* 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 *five* o'clock, in the *after* 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 *seventeenth* day of *August* in the year of our LORD, one thousand eight hun-
dred and *sixteen*

Allowed by *Walter Franklin*

John Passmore *Ind.*

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Commonwealth Affiant
Philip Eberman } upon
Habeas
corpus
is founded
upon

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Charles Butler

^{to}
Philip Sherman
Goalers

Have Habeas Corpus
for the Body of William
Butler, a man of color

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John Papineau Esq. Noty Secy
Lancaster County ss.

Butler
Aug. 17 1816

On the 17th day of August
A.D. One thousand eight hundred & sixteen person-
ally appeared before me the Subscriber Resident
of the 2^d Judicial District, Charles Butler
who being sworn according to Law doth
depone & say that William Butler a man of color
is now in actual confinement in the Goal of
Lancaster County & that the same to the best
of his knowledge & belief is not by virtue of
any Commitment or detainer for any Criminal
or supposed Criminal Offence Charles ^{his} Butler
marks

Sworn & subscribed
before me same day
Walter Franklin

Let Habeas Corpus issued returnable
this afternoon at 5 o'clock - at my
Chambers - Walter Franklin

Aug. 17th 1816