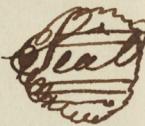


Mettemus
Commonwealth
Charles Smith
a Coloured Man
for absconding

June 4. 1817

Lancaster & The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
County ss { To William Hambrick the keeper of the
Common jail for the said County of Lancaster greeting



We send you howewerth the body of Charles Smith a
Coloured man, who was this day brought before Saml
Carpenter one of our Justices of the peace in and the said
County, by William Steel, on suspicion of being a
runaway servant, and the said Charles Smith being
duly examined before us said Justice, he confessing
that he is a servant to Emor Williams who resides
about twenty miles from the City of Philadelphia
and about six from Old Chester, and that he
absconded from his said Masters service and
place of abode,

These are therefore to command you,
to receive the said Charles Smith, and him in
safe custody keep, until he be discharged by due
and legal course of law

Witness the said Sam Carpenter at the Borough
of Lancaster, the 4th day of June 1817

Sam Carpenter
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sam Carpenter". Below it is a stylized, symmetrical flourish or scrollwork.

Lancaster County, ss. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to William Hambright GREETING,
otherwise called Charles Smith

YOU are hereby commanded, that the Body of Jeremiah Spencer — 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 Jeremiah Spencer — shall be charged in
the same, you have, under safe and secure conduct, before the honorable Walter Franklin Esqr
President of the Court of Common Pleas of Lancaster County, at his Chamber
to morrow morning
in the borough of Lancaster, at ten 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 fourteenth day of August — in the year of our LORD, one thousand eight hun-
dred and Seventeen

Allowed by

Walter Franklin

To the Honorable Walter Franklin Esquire President
William Hambright jailor respectfully returns
that he holds the within named Jeremiah Spencer
otherwise called Charles Smith in his custody
by virtue of the annexed commitment by Samuel
Carpenter Esquire and for no other cause, and that
he has the body of the said Jeremiah, here before
the Honorable President ready to obey his orders
in the premises - So answers -
August 15th 1817 - W^m Hambright jailor

1817
Commenc'd at the 3rd instant
by
William Hambright for
the
Jailer

Jeremiah Spencer

"By act of Assembly 1785
on the day and at the time
appointed in the within brief
the within named Jeremiah
Spencer otherwise called Black
Smith was brought before me
accusing both in name of the
other late and no sufficient
cause showing forth detesta-
tion in so doing than to
be discharged

Walter Franklin
Aug: 15 1817.

Lancaster County vs

Before John Hoff Esquire one of the Justices of the Peace
in and for said County personally came Samuel Spencer,
aged fifty years & upwards, who being duly sworn acor-
ding to law saith that he with his wife & family have
been residing in Delaware County Pennsylvania for
upwards offifteen years. That this Deponents son Jere-
miah, a likely lad of about sixteen years of age, who
has a scar on the back of his hand, has been hired by
the month for a long time past to Emnor Williamson
of said County of Delaware. That the said Jeremiah, a
few weeks ago left the neighborhood of his parents
and came to Lancaster County in order as he says to
get better wages. That said Jeremiah is now confined
& restrained of his liberty, in the jail of Lancaster County
having been committed ^{by the master of Charles Smith} at the request of one William
Steel, on suspicion of being a runaway.

This deponent further saith that he and his wife are
both free persons and that their said son Jeremiah is
also free. That he never was bound or indentured to Emnor
Williamson or any other person, to the best of this Depon-
ents knowledge. That this deponent has seen Paid to
Emnor Williamson since said Jeremiah left him, and
said Emnor has no claim or pretence of claim to the said
Jeremiah, but on the contrary gave this deponent twenty
five cents to assist him in having his son released from
Lancaster Jail and further saith not.

Sworn and subscribed
this 1st August 1817 }
before me,

John Hoff

Samuel ^{his} Spencer
Mark

Hager ^{her} Spencer
Mark

Lancaster County ss

Hager Spencer the wife of the within men-
tioned Samuel Spencer being duly sworn according to law
with the facts within stated are correct & true to the
best of her knowledge

Sworn & subscribed August
2^o 1817 before me -

her
Hager + Spencer
marks

Let Hab. Corp. issued to morrow
morning at 10 o'clock - at my chamber

W. Hanke

Aug. 14. 1817

I. Pappone Esq.

Issue Hab. Corp. to Wm. Hambright Jailer

J. H. Shippem

about 20.000

30.000 acres

140 (1817)
Commonwealth Affidavit
William Hambright ^{upon} which
Jailer - ^{as} Halcyon Corpus
of \$1 for the Body
of Criminals Spencer
filed Aug. 14th 1817