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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 of the County of Suffolk
 John Johnson for the
 body of James
 Burwell

By act of assembly 1785
 29th April 1835
 James Burwell
 discharged from
 custody of
 Johnston
 witnesses present
 William Strayer
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I John James Burwell with the verbal
 consent of his mother and with her
 consent produce him as a witness
 an command

I hold James Burwell - an minor, above
 the age of fourteen - who has no father
 living - by his own, free will consent, whom
 I have undertaken to learn the
 Trade and business of a Barber and
 Hair dresser
 John his Johnson
 April - 27th - 1835

Friday
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LANCASTER COUNTY, ss.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,

To *John Johnson*

GREETING.

You are hereby commanded that the Body of
James Burwell 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 *James Burwell* shall

be charged in the same, you have under safe and secure conduct before
the Honourable *Samuel Dale Esquire* One of the Associate
Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Lancaster County,
forthwith

to do and receive all those things which the said Judge shall then and
there consider of in this particular.

Witness the Honourable WALTER FRANKLIN, Esquire, President of the Court of Common Pleas
of said county, at the city of Lancaster, the *18th* day of *April* in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *thirty five*

ALLOWED BY

Sam Dale

Christ. Bachman
proty

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Commonwealth } affidavit
vs
John Johnson }

filed April 18th 1835

Lancaster County S.

Before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of
Common Pleas of said County personally came Robert McSherry
who being duly sworn according to law doth depose and say
that James Burwell a colored boy, whose mother is a free colored
woman residing in Myerstown Maryland, is restrained of his liberty
by John Johnson Decker, of the ay of Lancaster in said County
not by virtue of any commitment or detained for any criminal
or supposed criminal matter to the best of the knowledge &
belief of the deponent.

Sworn & subscribed
Apr. 18th 1835 before

J. M. Dale

R. W. McSherry

Let Halcias Corpus be issued return-
able forthwith J. M. Dale

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