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Comth of the Naval Corps
Peter Reed Jr. for the body
Sailor of John Richard
Hopkins

"By act of assembly of 1785."

January 4th 1839 Hearing
continued until Thursday
10th inst at 2 P.M.

Jan 10, 1839, Mr. Lightner
Atty for the claimant, came before
me and stated that W Richardson
had gone to the prison, and seen
the man Hopkins, and acknow-
ledged that he was not his or
his mother's runaway slave.

For John R. Hopkins is
therefore discharged A. S. Hayes

LANCASTER COUNTY, SS.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,

TO *Peter Reed*, Sheriff & Jailor of ^{Lancaster County} ~~Lancaster County~~ GREETING.

You are hereby commanded that the Body of *John Richard Hopkins* under your custody detained, as it is said, together with the day and cause of him being taken and detained, by whatsoever name the said *John Richard Hopkins* shall

be charged in the same, you have under safe and secure conduct before the Honourable *A. L. Hayes* President Judge of the District Court for the City & County of Lancaster on ~~the~~ *Friday* the fourth day of *January* inst. at *10 O'clock A.M.*

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

Witness the Honourable ^{*A. L. Hayes*} ~~WALTER FRANKLIN~~, Esquire, President of the ^{District Court} ~~Court of Common Pleas~~ of said county, at the city of Lancaster, the *third* day *January* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *thirty nine*

ALLOWED BY

A. L. Hayes J. C. C. C.

J. M. Senegan Prot.

Commitment

of
Negro Bob of
Fugitive Slave

Lancaster County Pa

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
John Rogers of the Township, Leasburg Constable in the
County of Lancaster and to the Keeper of the Common Jail
of the said County

There are to command you the said
Constable forthwith to convey and deliver in to the custody
of the said Keeper of the said common jail the body
Deger Bab blamed before me the Subscriber one of the
Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the peace in and
for said County of Lancaster Deger Bab as fugitive has
claimed and you the said Keeper are hereby required to
Receive the Deger Bab into your custody in the said com-
mon jail and him there keep untill such further
act, may be taken in the premises.

Witness my hand and seal
this Second day of January AD 1839

John Lightner Secy
att) att)

I do Certify that I hold the Body of Negro Bob by virtue
of the within Commitment of John Lightner Esq. one of the associate
Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the peace of Lancaster
County and that I have his Body now before the Court in
Obedience of the within writ of Habeas Corpus

So Answers

Peter Reed J^r. Shff.

Lancaster County Is

Personally appeared before the subscriber
one of the Justices of the peace in and for
the County of Lancaster William Worth-
-ington of Hartford County Maryland
who being affirmed according to law de-
poseth and saith that John Hopkin Alias
John Richard Hopkin Alias Negro John alias
Black ^{Dick} was legally bound to him before
two Justices of the peace & confirmed by
the Orphans Court of Hartford County
his parents being free when he was about
thirteen years old and lived with him
till he was about nineteen years old &
that he is now a free man —

Further saith not

Affirmed & subscribed Wm Worthington
Before me John Webster
the 26th day of Dec^r 1838

John Webster

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Comth & Pet^r for
W^m Reed & Hal. Corp^s
Jailor for the body of
Jno. Wick. Hopkins

Filed Jan^y 3^d 1839

paid

To the Honorable Alexander S Hayes Judge of the District Court in and
for the City and County of Lancaster.

The Petition of John Richard Hopkins
Respectfully sheweth.

That he is now restrained of his liberty, and is detained in the
jail of Lancaster County illegally and wrongfully for no criminal or sup-
posed criminal offence, but on the supposed charge that he owes service to
a person in the State of Maryland, as a slave, all of which he is
fully prepared to show is utterly false. He therefore prays your Honor
to grant a writ of Habeas Corpus, directed to the Keeper of the said
jail, commanding him to bring before your Honor his the petitioner's
body, to do and abide such order and directions as your Honor may
think may think right and proper in the premises.

And your petitioner as in duty bound will ever
pray &c.

John Richard ^{his} Hopkins
Petitioner

Present
Liam D. Bevan

1830 Jan 3. I give a writ of Hab. Corpus pursuant to the
prayer of the above petition, returnable before me at the Court-
house, tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

To Zell Lane Jan 3
Proth.

A. S. Hayes