

David Goff, the Prisoner within named, was brought before  
the Court together with the day & cause of his detention  
as exhibited in the original Warrant of Commitment  
in the hands of the High Sheriff, which was produced  
to the Court; and, upon hearing, the Court ordered,  
that the said David Goff give security by recognizance  
himself in \$1000.00 U.S., & one sufficient surety in the like  
sum of \$1000.00 U.S. conditioned for the appearance of the said  
David Goff at the next Court of Quarter Sessions for the  
County of Lancaster to be held at the City of Lancaster on  
the third Monday in Jan: next To answer for and in  
the mean time to keep the Peace & be of good  
behaviour &c. The prisoner not giving the required  
security &c. was remanded. — Nov. 22: 1841.

J. Chapman

Hand

352)

Convict, David  
Corpus  
no  
A.C. Roberts Shiffs  
Lancor Co —

By Act of 1785

1781 March 22<sup>nd</sup>  
John H. Chapman  
Deacon  
and the other members of the Board of  
the Lancaster County Prison  
doth certify that we have  
seen the communication between the  
said John H. Chapman and the  
Prisoner named above

LANCASTER COUNTY, ss.

# The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,

To the High Sheriff of Lancaster County GREETING.

You are hereby commanded that the Body of David Groff — 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 David Groff — shall be charged in the same, you have under safe and secure conduct before the Honourable the Judges at Lancaster, at the County Court of Common Pleas now holding (immediately)

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

Witness the Honourable Benjamin Franklin, Esquire, President of the Court of Common Pleas of said county, at the city of Lancaster, the 22<sup>d</sup> — day of Nov in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one

ALLOWED BY

B. Franklin

Attest  
A. C. Ban Camp  
for Brothly,

*John H. Gaff*

John H. Gaff, Esq.,  
Attala Co., Tenn.

352) Petition of David Gaff  
for a Writ of Habeas  
Corpus.

Filed Nov. 22. 1841

To the Honorable Benjamin Champaings President Judge of the Court  
of Common Pleas of Lancaster County.

The Petition of David Groff of Lancaster County  
Respectfully Sheweth:

That your petition is confined in the  
Common Gaol of Lancaster County for the offence charged upon him  
as appears by a copy of the warrant of commitment hereto annexed  
To be returned from which imprisonment your petition now applies.  
Praying that a writ of Habeas Corpus may be issued according to the  
Act of Assembly in such case made & provided, so that he may  
be brought before your honor to do & submit to and receive what the  
Laws may require etc.

David Groff

Witness present

George Ford

C. L. Roberts

(Copy of the Warrant of Commitment)  
Lancaster County, Pa.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
to the Constable of the Township of Bart in the County of Lancaster  
and to the Keeper of the Common Gaol of the Said County.

These are to command you the Said Constable,  
or any suitable person, forthwith to convey and  
deliver into the custody of the Said Keeper of the  
Said Common Gaol, the body of David Groff (of  
Drumon Township) Charged before Jno. Kidd Esq;  
one of our Justices of the peace in and for the Said County  
with stabbing John Richardson (a man of color) And you  
the Said Keeper are hereby Required to Receive the Said  
David Groff into your custody in the Said Common Gaol  
and him ther safely to keep until discharged by due course  
of Law or Bailed out. Witness the Said Jno. Kidd at  
Bart Township, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November AD 1841.

Jno. Kidd

To James G. Makan.