

shall be accompanied by @ copy of the warrant of commitment or detainer, or by an affidavit, that @ copy thereof was demanded of the person having him in custody, and the same was neglected or refused to be given.

In these cases the petitions were accompanied with copies of the warrants of commitment, certified by the clerk of the Criminal Court of Baltimore, and the causes of detention not appearing to be within the exceptions in the Act of 1862, the writs were issued.

They have been returned by the Warden, and the petitioners brought before me, with his certificate setting forth the causes of detainer or imprisonment.

These it will be my duty to examine, but before doing so, it is necessary to notice @ point suggested by the petitioner's counsel.

Two of the copies of commitments furnished by the clerk, and filed before me with the petitions, were as follows:

Criminal Court of Baltimore
September Term 1866. —

State of Maryland vs. William S. Valiant and James Young. Committed in default of bail in \$5000. for his appearance to answer.

Warden Baltimore City Jail: Received into your jail and custody the body of William S. Valiant and James Young.

November 3^d 1866. Committed on the above.

William Thomson

Sheriff of Baltimore City

One copy - Sent:

John B. Asken - Clerk

and @ commitment in the same words of William Thomson, by Samuel Sparklin, Coroner.

In these commitments the offenses charged, which the parties were respectively required to answer, are not stated.

With the return of the warden and filed the following, marked in the margin; "Amended Commitments, Nov. 5th 1866.

Criminal Court of Baltimore, September Term, 1866. - State of Maryland vs. William S. Valiant