To the Honorable, The Orphans Court of Baltimore County — The petition of William Stewart respectfully represents,

That a certain John Bacon (Colored) was apprenticed to your petitioner, on or about the ninth day of March 1859; and that the said John Bacon on or about the tenth day of last April absented and absconded from the service of your Petitioner for a long period of time, viz, for the space of five weeks — thereby causing great loss of service to your petitioner, and causing him to incur heavy costs and charges in the recaption of the said John Bacon.

Therefore your Petitioner prays your Honorable court to extend the time of service of said John Bacon so as to remunerate your Petitioner for the loss of service, costs and charges as aforesaid as may justice and equity may require. And &c

Alex. N. Hobbs
Atty. for Stewart