

BALTIMORE, 12th Month, 2nd, 1864.

GENERAL WALLACE:

A black boy, son of George Turner, has been bound by the Orphans' Court of Harford county, contrary to the wishes of said Turner, the father of the boy to one J. S. Richardson, the former owner of the boy, said J. S. Richardson is trying to find a bill of indictment against the father for inducing his son to leave.

Signed,

WM. C. HAVILAND.

P. S.—The parties live in Bel-Air, Harford county, Md.

W. C. H.

*Endorsed*—"States that a black boy, son of George Turner, has been bound to one J. S. Richardson, who is trying to find a bill of indictment against the father for enticing the boy away."

CUSTOM HOUSE, NAVAL OFFICE,

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GEN. WALLACE,

*Esteemed Friend*:—I have known William C. Haviland the bearer of this many years, he is a man eminently worthy of thy confidence, as I am sure he will make no statement to thee not founded in truth,

Thy friend,

F. S. CORKRAN,

*Naval Officer.*

PRINCE FREDERICK, December 8th, 1864.

MAJOR GEN. WALLACE,

I am requested on behalf of the colored people of this county to let you know the course being pursued here by the Orphans' Court in regard to binding the children of colored parents. The course as I understand is this: Any person who want children bound to them complain to the Orphans' Court, that such and such negro children is liable to suffer for want of necessaries of life, &c., and have their parents cited