

To the honorable the Judges of the Court of
Quarter Sessions of Bedford County now sitting
of August Term ^{Sessions} A.D. 1814

The petition of Humphrey Dillon, master
and owner of a negro man named Tom,

Humbly sheweth That the said negro Tom
was the servant of your petitioner until his
arrival at the age of twenty eight years and
that the said term is yet unexpired. That
the said servant hath frequently absented
himself from the service of his said master
for the space of one day and more, without
leave first obtained for the same, and
that your petitioner hath sustained sundry
damages & expenses by such absence.

Your petitioner therefore prays the
Court to increase the term of service of
the said servant and to order such ^{other} satisfac-
tion to your petitioner for the damages and
expenses by him sustained, as the Court
shall see meet.

And he will pray &c

Humphrey Dillon