

To the Honourable Charles Houston Esquire  
his associates, Judges of the Court of Common  
Pleas in and for the County of Bedford  
now composing a Court of Quarter Sessions  
in and for said County - Jan<sup>y</sup> Term 1819<sup>th</sup>

The petition of Martin Reily of Bedford  
Parish respectfully sheweth, that your  
petitioners, on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June last pur-  
chased the time of servitude of a certain  
Negro woman, named Sarah, from John  
Buchanan, of said Parish. The said  
Negro woman being bound by Indenture  
to serve until the 22<sup>d</sup> day of April A.D.

1825 - That the said servant, being a  
single woman and bound by Indenture as aforesaid,  
on or about the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June last had  
a bastard child, born of her body,  
whereby your petitioners was put to great loss  
and damages &c. He therefore prays your

Honours to impose on his said servant such  
further term of servitude, beyond the term in  
his Indenture mentioned, as your Honours may  
think fit, as a compensation for the loss and  
damages so sustained, by reason of the act of  
Assembly &c. & he will pray &c.

Martin Reily