

Government
August Session 1817

To the Honble Judges of the Court of Quarters
now holding for the District of Columbia

The Petitioner of the undersigned, namely the said
that some time in the year 1812 your Petitioner
purchased a Negro woman in Huntingdon County of
John Blair of the name of Hannah who was
duly recorded as a servant to the said of 28 ^{years} & paid
the full price of \$70 for said woman to said
John Blair as trustee for Wm Gabriath - That
the time of service of said servant Hannah having
been enlarged for the term of three years after the expiration of
the time of servitude by the Court of Quarters of said County of Huntingdon
on the 15th of April 1815 which said enlargement term of servitude expired on the 15th of April 1817 -

That in or about the third day of April 1817
the said Hannah being a single & unmarried woman
had a bastard child which said child was called Charles born of
said Hannah & born within the time of her servitude as aforesaid -
Your Petitioner therefore prays that an order may
be made by your Honble Court upon the said Hannah
to show cause if any she hath why her time of
servitude should not be enlarged after the expiration
of her time of servitude as aforesaid -
not exceeding two years nor less than one according
to the provisions of the 7th Section of an Act of the Genl
Assembly of Pa - of 1785 & the 4th Section of an Act of Genl
Assembly of aforesaid of the 1st March 1780 printed at Purdon
Titles Communications Negroes as a compensation to your Petitioner
for the loss & damages he has sustained by reason of the
said Hannah having born a bastard child in manner
aforesaid in the time of her servitude as aforesaid
& your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray -

James M. M. M.