

Bedford County ss  
 Esq before me the subscriber one of the Justices of the peace in and for said County of Bedford  
 personally came William Owings of Anne Arundel County in state of Maryland  
 who being duly sworn as law directs doth upon his solemn oath depose &  
 say that a certain Negro man named Ned a slave belonging to Samuel  
 Owings his said deponents father a resident in Anne Arundel County -  
 State of Maryland did abscond from said Samuel Owings residence on  
 the Eighteenth day of November last past and Now is supposed to  
 be in Pennsylvania in Bedford County Township of Hopewell said  
 deponent doth further depose and say that said Ned is about twenty  
 four years of age about five feet ten inches high large about the  
 shoulders much neck broad flat footed and turns his toes out as  
 he walks he has a scar on the left side of his face and stutters  
 very much when spoken to and that he is a fiddler  
 sworn and subscribed this eighth day of  
 January A.D. one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven before  
 Joseph Edwards  
 William Owings

Bedford County ss Whereas William Owings agent of Samuel Owings  
 his father presented before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace in  
 and for said County a letter of attorney properly executed by his said William  
 father Samuel Owings in the town of Freetown in the state of Maryland  
 acknowledged before James Summers a Justice on the fifth day of  
 January A.D. one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven with  
 County Seal thereon signed John Schley Clerk of the Court dated  
 the said fifth day of January constituting said William Owings  
 his said Samuel Owings sufficient agent to obtain his said Samuel  
 Negro man named Ned with a description of said Ned as is above  
 sworn by said William Owings  
 on which letter of Attorney and the above oath be the said  
 William Owings demanded a warrant to bring said Ned before  
 Judge Tod

William Owings for } warrant issued January the 8th 1827 to the  
 Samuel Owings } Constable of Hopewell township to take said  
 vs } Ned and bring him before Judge Tod to be exam-  
 Negro Ned } ined and be sold with agreeable to the cons-  
 titution of the United States and the laws  
 of this Commonwealth

I do certify that the above is a true copy of  
 the proceedings had before me by William  
 Owings for Samuel Owings against Negro Ned as they are  
 recorded on my docket with my hand and seal  
 at Hopewell township the ninth day of January A.D.  
 one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven  
 So Jobe Man Esq. prothonotary for  
 the County of Bedford  
 Joseph Edwards