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To the honorable William Still Giles, Judge of
the District Court of the United States for the
Maryland District.

The petition of Deborah
Haylett of Baltimore city most respectfully
sheweth to your Honor, that she is the mother
of James Haylett, a boy of some seventeen years
of age. He is now in the Purnell Legion, a battalion
of troops in the service of the United States and
at present stationed in the city of Baltimore.
This boy was not eighteen years old when he
enlisted, and his enlistment was contrary to
the wish of your petitioner, who is his only
living parent, and with whom he was living
at the time of the said enlistment. She did
not know that he ~~was~~ intended or contemplated
to enlist until after he had been enrolled. She
believes that his detention by the officers com-
manding the said Legion is illegal and
wrongful and she comes into this honorable
Court to obtain redress according to the modes
provided by law in such cases. Your petitioner
prays your Honor to order the writ of Habeas Corpus
to issue in this case to be directed to William L. Leonard,
commanding the said Purnell Legion to bring into this
Court the body of the said James Haylett to abide
such order or decree as your Honor may make
in the premises, and as in duty bound &c.

H. X. Kelly
atq

Baltimore City, Feb;

On this fifth day of
May A.D. 1862, before me the subscriber a Justice
of the State of Maryland in and for Baltimore
City personally appeared Deborah Haylett
and made ~~oath~~ ^{affirmation in due form of Law} ~~in the Holy Evangelist of Almighty~~
~~God~~ that the matters and things stated in the
above petition are true as therein stated.

Allen E. Forrester, J.P.

James Haylett by
his son John Haylett
Haylett

Col Wm J Leonard
Commanding the Pennell
Regiment -
Petition for 14 acres
Cypress -

Got the cut of Haylett
Cypress same in this
date, returned before
we in the District
Court from the Munday
court 12th inst. at 10^o
A. M. William F. Pyle
May 10th 1862

Feb^y May 11 1862
Went from Richmond Monday
Morning 12th and at 10th O'clock

The petition is
now determined: the
costs to be paid by
the petitioner

William F. Pyle
May 12th 1862

The United States of America

District of Maryland Court

To William F. Leonard, Commander of Purnell Legion, Greeters

You are hereby enjoined and commanded to be and appear before the District Court of the United States in and for the Maryland District, at the United States Court Room in the City of Baltimore on Monday Morn-

ing 12 (Inst) at 10 O'clock and that you have with you the body of James Hazlett, a boy of some seventeen years of age, he is ^{enlisted} now in the Purnell Legion, a battalion of troops in the service of the United States, and that you certify and make known the day and cause of the capture and detention of the said James Hazlett, and that you then and there do submit to and receive whatsoever the said Court shall determine upon concerning you in this behalf according to law, and have you then and there this writ:

Witness the Honorable William F. Giles Judge of the District Court of the United States the first Tuesday in March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty two.

F. L. Kelly Spec^y 11th May 1862

Thos Spicer Clk
Dist Court

To The Hon^{ble} Wm F. Giles Judge of the district court of the United States for the Maryland District
In obedience to the requirements of the within writ I hereby send to your honorable court James Hazlett
The cause of his detention is that on the twenty sixth day of Oct^r in the year 1861, he was enlisted as a private soldier in the Purnell Legion of Md^a Volunteers, and that he is held subject to that enlistment, and not entitled to his discharge, his mother and natural Guardian having received his wages. I most respectfully submit to your honorable court to dispose of the case as to you Hon^{ble} may seem proper. And as in duty bound I shall &c
Wm Leonard Col Comdg



James Hazlett
by his Mother
Deborah Hazlett

vs

William F Leonard
Commander of
Punell Legion

(Habeas Corpus)

I'm pursuance of the within writ of Habeas Corpus bring into court the body of Jas. Hazlett, held by me as indicted & taken in the U.S. Army enlisted 26th of October 1861. Col Wm Leonard
Wm H. Fitzgerald per Dec 6 1862