

MSA SC 5463 - 2-11

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Henry Waters &
Ruth Waters by
Wm. L. Vandulip

vs.
Levi Skinner

I allow the Writ of Habeas
Corpus as within prayed,
which the Clerk of the Dis-
trict Court of the United
States for the District of
Maryland will issue,
returnable at the Court
Room in the City of Bal-
timore on Saturday
25th April 1868 at
10 o'clock - William H. Hyde
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Filed April 1st 1868
court room

ordered by the
Court this 24th of
April 1868 that the
within named parties
Henry Waters and
Ruth Waters be
and they are hereby
discharged from the
Custody of Levi S.
Skinner and that
he, said Skinner
pay of the proce-
-ding -

William H. Hyde
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To the Honorable W.^m Fell Giles, Judge of the District Court
of the United States for Maryland District:

The Petition of Henry Waters & Ruth Waters
by their next friend W.^m L. Vandulip respectfully rep-
resents that they are the children of Fanny Waters; that
they are restrained of their liberty & held in custody by Levin
Skinner residing in Prince Frederick town, Calvert County
in the State of Maryland, in violation of the Constitution
& Laws of the United States.

That your Petitioners are restrained of their
liberty & held in custody ^{by the said Levin Skinner} by virtue of certain alleged
Indentures of Apprenticeship made not in accordance with
the Laws of the State of Maryland as applicable to the bind-
ing of white children - That at the time of the making
of said alleged Indentures of Apprenticeship the mother
of your Petitioners was able, ready & willing to support
them, that she was living in Calvert County aforesaid,
that neither she nor your Petitioners were summoned to
appear before the Orphan Court of Calvert County aforesaid
on the day of the making of the said alleged
Indentures of Apprenticeship & that the said Levin Skin-
ner is not bound by the said alleged Indentures of
Apprenticeship to give your Petitioners any education in
reading, writing & arithmetic nor to teach your Petition-
er Henry Waters any "useful art or trade;" all of which
requisites are made necessary by the Laws of the State
of Maryland in the case of the binding of white children.

Your Petitioners therefore pray your Honor to grant
unto them the Writ of Habeas Corpus addressed to
(the)

the said Levin Skinner requiring him to produce
in this Honorable Court upon a day in the said
Writ to be named the persons of your Petitioners
to certify the true cause of their detention & to show
cause if any he has why your Petitioners should
not be discharged from their said unlawful
custody & detention, & as in duty bound &c.

Henry Nickbridge &
Nathan M. Pusey
Attys for Petitioners

State of Maryland
City of Baltimore, to wit:

I hereby certify that on this 27th day of
march A.D. 1868, before me a Commissioner of
the United States, personally appeared William L.
Vanderlip & made oath in due form of Law that the
matters & facts set forth in the aforesaid Petition are
true as therein stated, to the best of his knowledge &
belief.

Wm Lyon Rogers -

United States Commissioner
in and for the District of Md.

Henny Waters to them } Habeas Corpus
or
Lavin Skinnin }

Services
67 miles

\$ 2.
4.02

\$ 6.02

Geo Mason to them } Habeas Corpus
or
Daniel Kent }

Services
80

2.
4.80

\$ 6.80

In the ⁶ Matter of
The Petition of
Henry Waters &
Ruth Waters by
Wm L. Vandelp
their next friend

Habeas Corpus

Stockbridge & Pusey

The United States of America
District of Maryland, Court.
To Levin Skinner of Prince Frederick town Calvert
County State of Maryland - Greeting:

You are hereby Commanded to be and
appear before the Honorable William
J. Giles Judge of the District Court
of the United States, at the United
States Court House in the City of Baltimore, on Sat-
-urday the Twenty fifth day of April (Inst) at 10
O'clock A M. And that you have with you the body
of Henry Waters and Ruth Waters now in your Custody
as it is said, And that you Certify and make known
the day and cause of the Caption and detentions
of the said Henry Waters and Ruth Waters, and that
you then and there do submit to and receive what
-soever the said Judge shall determine upon Con-
-cerning you in this behalf according to law, and
have you then and there this writ.

Witness the Honorable William J. Giles Judge
of our said District Court the first Tuesday in
March in the year of our Lord one thousand
Eight hundred and sixty eight
I pced April 1/68

J. P. W. Chew Clerk
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In compliance with the within writ
I hereby produce the bodies of Henry Water
Shuck Water, & state that they are
held by Indenture of Apprenticeship
with the consent of the mother, whom
I now believe to be dead - their father
having died before -

Sworn to in Open Court
this 24 day of April 1868
before me -

Geo W Chew Clerk

Secy of the S. C. Court