1867-019 SOUTHAMPTON CO. CHANCERY PAPERS WILLIAMS' PETITION 12/1862

(Judgments)

Petition of Elijah Williams
& order-

1862 Decemba 6th

To the worshipful county court of Southampton in chancery sitting

Humbly petitioning your petitioner Elijah Williams sheweth unto your worships that sometime since he qualified as the curator of his insane sister Catharine Williams and has acted as such ever since managing her estate and controlling her person &c

Your petitioner states that a few days since a slave belonging to Catharine Williams named Levi made his escape for the purpose of going into the Yankee or federal lines and was recaptured on the Blackwater river as he was on the point of crossing the river to escape into the enemy's lines Your petitioner fearing a repetition of the effort to escape and that the slave would escape and be wholly lost to his ward, immediately sent him off and sold him, as the only way to save his value to his ward, and he now comes and asks your worships to approve of his conduct to sanction the sale and direct him what to do with the money and as in duty bound your petitioner will ever pray &c

The Court after hearing the petition of Elijah Williams doth adjudge, order, and decree, that the sales made by him of the slave Levi belonging to Catharine Williams be confirmed, and directs him after him the payment of the expenses of the sale to hold the residue of the purchase money as he does the other money belonging to his ward Catharine Williams