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About the 1st of Feby 1863 a negro Boy named Henry belonging to Mrs Lucy Dinwiddie of Alexandria Tenn. went to the house of Mr James Goodner living in said place and ordered him to put the best bridle he had on the best horse he had - He got the bridle and horse and then (he said negro) took a side saddle and put on the horse and carried him to Dr A. Mercer of said place to get his (said Boy's) wife who belonged to said Mercer - Not being successful in this he went away and returned to said ~~Mercer's~~ place again the same day it was thought for making another effort to get his wife - Alexandria was then occupied by Rebel Troops who threatened to kill the above named boy - but for his safety and for the benefit of his Mrs - Mrs Dinwiddie Myself and Dr Mercer arrested said boy - While we had him arrested we put some one I think Dr J. H. Everett of said place to requist Mrs Dinwiddie to send the boy away - She consented and authorized me in writing to take him South and sell him for the best price I could get - Having business in the South I consented to take him but before leaving Alexandria I sent Dr Everett to Mrs Dinwiddie to tell her that the boy could not be sold for any thing but Confederate money;

and that she had better hire him instead of selling him - I was willing to dispose of the boy in any manner that she might wish - She then changed her opinion and desired me to hire the boy down South and not sell him - I then took the boy and his wife belonging to Dr Mercer and carried them to Chattanooga where I hired them to Mr G.S. Bowling of that place on the 7th Feby 1863 - In the month of April or May of the same year I called upon Mrs Dinwiddie before starting South on my own business and told her that if she wanted the boy brought back that I would bring him back on my return as by the contract with said Bowling he was to deliver the boy to me at any time I might call for him - She said she did not want him brought back - that she preferred him to remain where he was, for if he was brought back to Alexandria he would leave her and go to the Federal Army
The above statement can be proven by persons who have always been opposed to secession and in favor of the Union I would further state that since the federal Army has occupied Chattanooga Mrs Bowling wife of said G.S. Bowling has returned to the City of Nashville and brought with her the girl Mary and wife of said Boy Henry and I have learned from her that the Boy Henry was about two months since with said G.S Bowling down

in Georgia - On the 23d July 1863 I took the oath of allegiance to the United States and filed bond &c and returned immediately to my home near this place - and in Nov 1863 I was sent for by Brig Genl E A Paine Comdg Post at Gallatin to answer some charges brought against me by John W Bowen for Mrs Lucy Dinwiddie, the principal charge was that I had arrested and carried south against the consent of Mrs Dinwiddie the above named Boy Henry I obeyed the order and without being permitted to introduce evidence in my defence Genl Paine ordered me to pay Mrs Dinwiddie 1000 $ for said Boy, and that if I failed to comply with this judgement he would seize my property sufficient to pay it - Not having the money to pay it I deposited a note on Oroille Green of Wilson Co Tenn for 1375 $ as collatteral security with Genl Paine with my name endorsed on the note - The following is a copy of Genl Paines Recpt for said note - to wit:

Received of Jet Cartwright one note on Oroille Green for the sum of 1375 $ dated Dec 25th 1858 and due 1860 Decr 25th which I hold as collateral security for the payment of 1000 $ to Mrs Dinwiddie of Alexandria Tenn - Nov 6th 1863

E A Paine

Brig Genl

I further state that I had no desire to injure Mrs Dinwiddie nor any illwill against her and that all I did was for her benefit and the good ~~good~~ of the citizens who were afraid that the "E" Boy Henry would do them some injury if he remained about Alexandria -

Acting from these motives and further from the fact that the Boy still belongs to Mrs Dinwiddie and is hired to a very responsible gentleman I think it hard and unjust for me to pay for him -

J. N. Cartwright

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