Knox County Sct. The State of Indiana to Hyacinthe Lasselle of the Said County, Greeting: —

You are hereby Enjoined and commanded that on the first Tuesday in August now next Ensuing, you be and appear before the honorable Thomas H. Blake at his Chambers in Vincennes and that you have with you the Bodies of Polly and James, People of Colour now in your Possession and that you certify and make known the day and cause of the Caption and detention of the Said Polly and James and that you then and there Submit to and receive whatsoever the Said Thomas H. Blake President of the first Circuit, Shall then and there determine upon Concerning you in this behalf According to Law. and have then there this writ — Witness Robert Buntin Clerk of our Circuit Court at Vincennes the 15th day of July in the year of our Lord 1818 —

R Buntin Clerk C.C.K.C.

In Obedience to the annexed writ to me directed I do hereby humbly certify to the Hon. Thomas H. Blake that at the time and before the coming of the said Writ Polly and Jim alias James in the same writ named, above, and are still, detained in my custody and possession, by virtue and under the following Indentures, "the tenor and effect of which are as follows, towit," Whereas, François Lapelle heretofore purchased me Jim alias James as a slave, and under the belief that he could of right ought to hold me as such, I have remained quietly & contentedly in the employment of his Attorney in fact Hyacinthe Lapelle until the present time, when I am taught & induced to believe I am free — but in as much as I conceive it would be the height of ingratitude not to make a just retribution & compensation by my services, for the care & attention he has bestowed upon me in my infancy Therefore, This Indenture Witnesseth, That I the said Jim for & in consideration of the above premises, and of the stipulations & agreements herein after mentioned on the part of the said Hyacinthe Lapelle, Have put, placed & bound myself, and by these presents Do put, place & bind myself as an Indented Servant to the said Hyacinthe Lapelle his heirs Exors & Admors with him & them to dwell & serve from the day of the date hereof until the full end & term of Four years (I now being of the age of Seventeen years) next ensuing to be fully compleat & ended, During all which time of Four years I the said Servant my said Master his heirs Exors & Admors shall & will well & truly serve in all lawful things appertaining to the duty of a Domestic & Indented Servant. And the said Hyacinthe Lapelle for himself his heirs Exors & Admors doth hereby covenant, grant & agree to & with the said Jim that he will find, provide & allow unto him during all his said term of servitude, good & wholesome meat, drink, lodging, Washing & apparel both linen & woolen fit & convenient for such an Indented Servant, both in sickness & in health. And upon the expiration of his term, he serving out his term faithfully, give unto him twenty

dollars worth of Freedom clothes In Witness whereof the said Master & Servant have hereto set their hands & affixed their seals at Vincennes this 16th of July A.D. One thousand eight hundred & eighteen

Signed Sealed & acknowledged Jim his mark + (Seal)
In presence of
C. Stout
Jas. A. Bradford
A. Lasselle (Seal)

State of Indiana
Knox County — Sct

Be it remembered that on this day the sixteenth day of July, eighteen hundred & eighteen Personally came before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace in & for said County, the within named Jim (a boy of Colour) and acknowledged the within instrument of writing to be his voluntary act & deed for the purposes therein mentioned In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal

C. Stout (Seal)
J. B.

"Whereas Hyacinthe Lasselle of the County of Knox heretofore purchased me Polly called Polly Strong as a Slave, and under the belief that he could and of right ought to hold me as such, I have remained quietedly & contentedly in his employment until the present time when I am taught & induced to believe that I am free — but in as much as I conceive it would be the height of ingratitude not to make a just retribution & compensation by my services, for the care & attention he has bestowed upon me in my infancy & minority: Therefore This Indenture, Witnesseth, That I Polly called Polly Strong a free woman of colour, now of the age of twenty two years, of the County of Knox & State of Indiana, for & in consideration of the above premises, and the stipulations & agreements herein after mentioned on the part of the said Hy. Lasselle, Have put,

placed & bound myself. And by these presents Do put, place & bind myself as an Indented & Domestic servant to the said Hyacinthe Lasselle his heirs Ecors, Admors & assigns, with him & them to dwell & serve from the day of the date hereof until the full end & term of Twelve years, next ensuing the date of these presents to be fully compleat & ended; during all which term or time of Twelve years, the said Polly, called Polly Strong, the said Hyacinthe Lasselle his heirs Ecors, Admors & assigns shall & will well & faithfully serve in all things appertaining to the duty of a good, honest & attentive Indented or Domestic servant. And the said Hyacinthe Lasselle for himself his heirs, Ecors, Admors and Assigns, doth hereby covenant, grant & agree to & with the said Polly, his servant, that he shall & will find, provide & allow unto her, during all her said term of servitude, good & wholesome meat, drink, lodging, washing & apparel, both linen & woolen, fit & convenient for such a servant. And (she serving out her time quietly & faithfully) shall & will give unto her Thirty dollars in wearing apparel at the expiration thereof.

In witness whereof, the said Master & servant, have hereto set their hands & seals at Knox County, this 16th of July A.D. 1818.

Witness
Samuel Roquest
John B. + Villeneuve

her
Polly + Strong (Seal)
mark
H. Lasselle (Seal)

Personally appeared before me One of the Justices Assigned to keep the peace for the County of Knox, the subscribers to the foregoing instrument of writing, Polly Strong & Hyacinthe Lasselle, and acknowledged the same to be their voluntary acts and deeds for the purposes therein contained. Given under my hand & seal, this sixteenth day of July, in the year

of our lord, One thousand eight hundred and Eighteen

A. M. Gilham J.P.R.C.

Which are the several & respective Causes of the Caption and detention of the said Polly and James Wherefore your respondent prays your Honor, that he may be hence dismissed, with his reasonable Costs &c

August 4th 1818.

H. Lapelle

Hab. Corpus 105

Retd before the Hon. Ch. Jos. A. Blake on Tues. 4th Aug. 1818

James & Polly
Persons of Colour

Ex Parte

and

H. Lapelle
Return

State of Indiana
vs
Nyo in the Lafselle
Hab. Corp.

I allow this writ.

Wm. H. Blake
Best Judge 1st C.

Delivered me by Seneca Alany, the 17th July 1818. at half past 9 o'c. a.m.
Ty. Lafselle