David C Humphreys states that after the slaves in controversy had been appraised, he informed the Commissioner J S Todd, that Mrs E L Todd would give the valuation for them. Mr Redd closed with the offer and informed him that he would prepare the bond in a short time. This affiant argued to be security for Mrs Todd and was accepted as such. Affiant considered the purchase as having been made and only requiring some formalities to consummate it, which this affiant was ready at any time to complete. Affiant never heard of any change in this matter, until on his arriving at home one evening, his wife informed him that George R C Todd had been at his house during his absence, and had got the slaves Harvey & Penn. This affiant immediately followed on to the place where he learnt that George R C Todd had stopped for the night, and from him learnt that he had purchased the slaves Harvey & Penn of Mr Redd the Comr. Affiant then proposed to George that he should also take Chaney & her children, which George refused saying they would not suit him.

Affiant is Guardian of one of R S Todd's children and he considers it the fairest & best mode of selling the matter that they should be set up at public auction as ordered by the Court. This affiant thought that Chaney & her children were valued too high and Harvey & Penn too low. This affiant also states that Harvey & Penn had good & sufficient clothing for farm hands, that is he provided Harvey with 3 pair pants 2 sheets a pair shoes & a hat. that Penn had 2 pr pants 2 sheets a hat & a pair shoes all given them in the month of May, that they returned to his house without any clothing as I have been informed & believe except the clothing as then

[illegible] I that if said [illegible] permit them with bad clothing, the boys did not bring any to his house.

L. Humphreys

Sworn to before me
this 27th day of October 1852.
James L. Allen Examiner for Fayette County.