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[Littleton P.O. Halifax Co No Ca:]

The Petition of Washington Bobbett, Freedman of the County aforesaid, to Capt Thomas H Hays of the Freedman's Bureau for the district of which Warren County of the State aforesaid forms a part; respectfully represents.

That at the present term of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for Warren County aforesaid (November term 1867) by his counsel Ben. A Lavender Esqr, he made a motion requesting the court to cancel, and make void certain articles of Indenture, whereby the son of said Washington named Thomas, was bound to Nathaniel Nicholson Esqr formerly & perhaps now, a Justice of the Peace for the County of Warren aforesaid: upon the ground that the said Thomas, had been bound an apprentice contrary to the laws of the land, and the statutes in such cases made and provided [???], and the Rules made by the Public Authorities for the Government of the Courts of the State in such cases; the said Nicholson appearing by Counsel & himself personally present resisting the motion.

The affidavit of your petitioner was then read to the Court of which the following is a true copy to wit.

[November Term 1867:]

[Washington Bobbett] [Warren County Court:]

vs [State of North Carolina:]

[Nath<sup>l</sup> Nicholson]

[Motion to Cancel Indentures:]

[State of North Carolina]

[Warren County.] Before me Thomas A Montgomery a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid duly commissioned and qualified came Washington Bobbett, a coloured man, known to me to be the person whom he represents himself to be, and whom named is affixed to this affidavit; and having been duly sworn upon the Holy Evangely

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