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To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Delegates; The petition of abraham, a mulatto man Slave, belonging to the Estate of Shomas Beatley deceased, himbly sheweth: That during the life time of his late master, your petitioner by a series of the most faithful, assidnous and affectionato services, obtained the gonfidence and regard of his sais master insomuch that he was rather regarded as a Clerk and assistant than in the unfortunate Character of a Slave, and dering the life time of his vais master was always Extrusted with the care, account, and disposition of his Money, effects and other presenty; That in testiming of these services your petitiners sais master always expresses, and by the affectionate heatment of your petitioner manifester, a aniform intention to grant your felitioner his freedom, and in his last illness proportly dulared the same intention, and, as your believes believes was only prevented from doing, either by will or deed, by the sudden manner of his death; That your petitioner being advised as well by the administrate = tor and principal Legater of his said thanter, as by many other Gentlemen who were also well againsted with his said hastors intentions towards him, that the crevitors of the state will receive so Injury by the great of your petitions freedom, and in full considence that he can produce the nost decided testimony of 110

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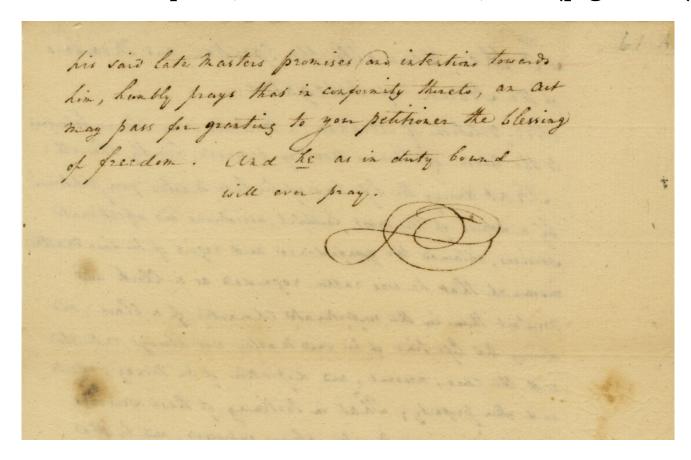
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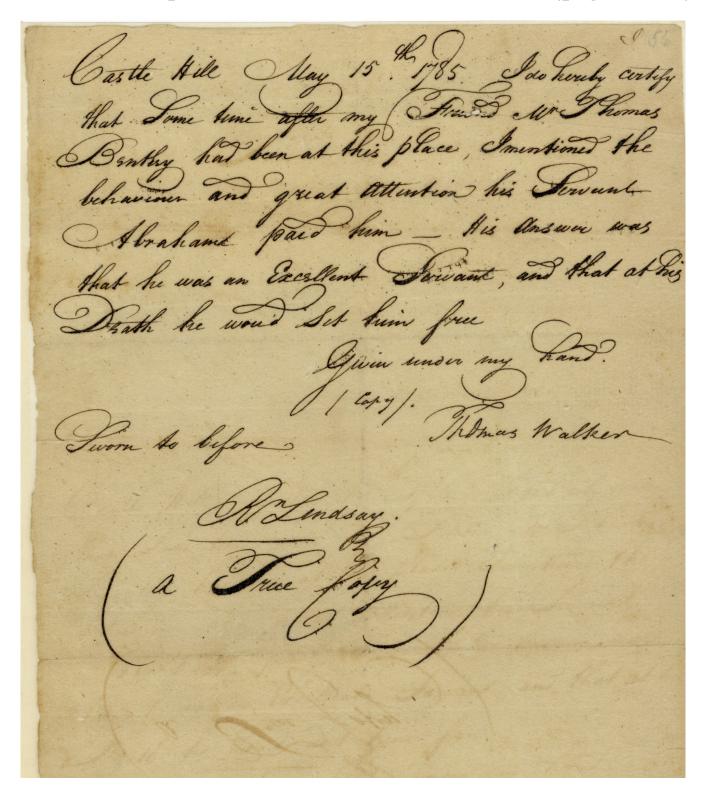
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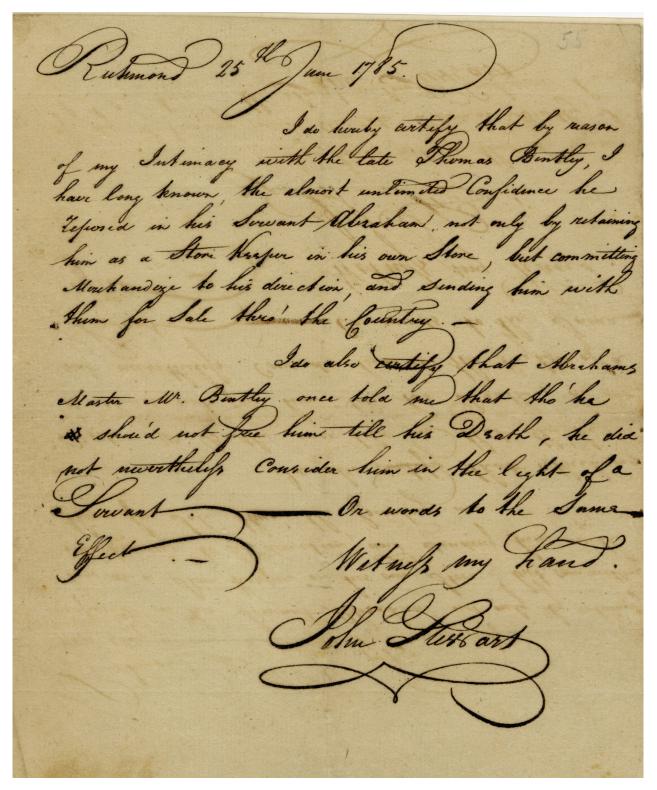
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