

this writ. Witness George Duncan Ludlow Esquire at Fredericton the sixteenth day of July in the thirty ninth year of our reign.

Signed ODELL Junr.

Caleb Jones within named in obedience to the within writ of the Lord the King brings here into Court the body of the within-named Ann or Nancy a black woman and hereunto certifies that the cause of detaining the said Ann or Nancy, appears in the schedule to this writ annexed.

Signed CALEB JONES.

Caleb Jones of the Parish of Saint Marys in the County of York Esquire in obedience to the King's writ of "Habeas Corpus" to him directed and hereunto annexed humbly shows cause to the Court of the Lord the King why the said Caleb Jones detains the Negro a black woman Ann otherwise called Nancy in the same writ, named as follows. That long before the coming of the King's writ aforesaid to him, the said Caleb Jones there were and still are slaves to a great number in Africa and the trade in them between the Africa Coast and the Colonies plantations and islands now and heretofore belonging to the Crown of Great Britain was and is authorized and sanctioned by a variety of statutes of the Kingdom of Great Britain in that case made and provided That the said Caleb Jones formerly and before and during and after the war between Great Britain and the thirteen United Colonies, which terminated in the seperation of the same Colonies from the Mother Country the said Caleb Jones was an Inhabitant and freeholder of and in the late Province, now State of Mary Land, then one of the Colonies belonging to the Crown of Great Britain aforesaid. That the said Ann or Nancy was, at the time of her birth and ever since hath been a female Negro slave or servant for life born of an African Negro slave, and before the removal of the said Caleb Jones from Mary Land to New Brunswick was and became by purchase the lawful and proper Negro slave or servant for life of him the said Caleb Jones and so being by the laws of Maryland, and consistently with the laws of all his Majesty's Colonies and plantations in America the proper Negro slave or servant for life of him the said Caleb Jones. That the said Caleb Jones, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty five brought and imported the said Ann or Nancy his Negro slave or servant for life into the Province of New Brunswick as it was lawful for him to do and has always hitherto held the said Ann or Nancy as his proper Negro slave or servant for life in the said Province of New Brunswick as by law he has good right and authority to do and the said Caleb Jones now renders her the said Ann or Nancy to the orders of the Court, as by the said writ he is commanded.

Signed CALEB JONES.