

To the Hon John W. Colvin
Law Commissioner of Saint Louis County

Your Petitioner Martin Parkinson, in behalf
and as next friend of his infant son William
M. Parkinson, states that said William M. Parkinson
is restrained of his liberty by one Thorp
and Frances Thorp his wife, somewhere in the City
of Saint Louis - The said Frances Thorp was the
wife of said Martin Parkinson and the said W^m
M. Parkinson is their son - Whilst said Martin
Parkinson was in California said Frances obtained
a divorce and married said Thorp. The
said Martin Parkinson is legally entitled to the
care, custody and management of his said son
William M. Parkinson who is now nine years of
age - of which care & custody he is prevented by
said Thorp & wife, who have the said William M.
Parkinson under restraint and illegal control.
Your petitioner therefore prays that your Honor
will grant a writ of Habeas Corpus commanding
the said Thorp & wife to bring said William M.
Parkinson forthwith before your Honor to obey
the order of the court in the premises.

Mrs
Martin Parkinson
mark

Martin Parkinson, being duly sworn on his oath says that
Matters and things as stated in the foregoing petition are true
Sworn to & subscribed before me -
This 28th day of April 1852. }
John W. Colvin.
Law Comr.

Mrs
Martin Parkinson
mark

The State of Michigan
To

Thos & Frances Thos Greeting

You are hereby commanded to have the body of
William M Parkinson before the Law Commissioners
Court of St Louis county forthwith together with the
Time and Cause of his detention by you to do and
receive what shall then and there be considered
concerning the said William M Parkinson who as
alleged in the petition hereto annexed is restrained of
his Liberty by you and have you then and there
this writ with your return thereon

Given under my hand and the seal
of the Law Commissioners Court of the
County of St Louis this 28th day of April
1852 John Wolcott Law Commissioner
By Mat Williams deputy

We John Thorpe, and Nancy Thorpe deny
they have possession or under their control
the child mentioned in this writ. and ask
to be discharged

John Thorpe

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Moabes Corfus

in the matter of

William M. Corfus

By The Moabes Corfus
ack

Thompson Corfus

County of St. Louis, SS.

THE STATE OF MISSOURI,

TO *Samuel Parkson* *Inc.* *Allen* and wife
Joseph. Brun

GREETING:

You are hereby commanded, that, setting aside all manner of excuse and delay, you appear before our Law Commissioner's Court of St. Louis County, at the City of St.

Louis, on the *Ten* ~~th~~ day of ~~of~~ 1852, then and there to testify

and the truth to say in a certain cause pending in said Court, wherein *Martin*

Parkinson — *vs* — plaintiff and *John Thresh*

— *vs* — defendant on the part of the Plaintiff

and herein you are in no wise to fail.

Witness, JOHN W. COLVIN, the Law Commissioner

of St. Louis County, with the Seal of said Court

hereto affixed, at office, in the City of St. Louis,

this *28th* day of *April*

in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and

fifty-two. *J. W. Colvin*