

Law Court. To The Hon Henry Russell
~~Judge~~ of the St Louis County

Ex parte
John Jones
otherwise call
ed John Cook } State of Missouri, Saint Louis County,
and City of Saint Louis, Slave Com-
missioners Court. Now in session.
The petitioner states, that he is a free
colored man, that he was born in
the State of Pennsylvania, and that he has
always resided in said State, until on
or about the seventh day of June 1839,
when he came to said City of Saint
Louis, and was, on said day arrested
and committed to the County Jail
of said County, and from there thence
has been, and still is, imprisoned and
detained in said Jail, by Robert F. Sogon
the keeper of said Jail, on a charge of
being a run away slave, by virtue
of a warrant of Commitment issued
by Benf. Hickenrath Esq. a Justice of
the Peace for said City and County
of Saint Louis, a copy of which war-
rant of Commitment, is not herewith
filed, because a copy of the same has
been demanded of the said Sogon, the
person by whom said petitioner is impris-
oned as aforesaid, and a copy of said
Warrant refused.

And the petitioner further states that
he is unlawfully and wrongfully
imprisoned as aforesaid, because he
says that he is, and always has been,
by law a free man, and is not,
and never has been, by law a slave;
which he is ready to verify. Wherefore
the said John Jones otherwise called

John Cook, prays said said Court
to issue a writ of Habeas Corpus,
and cause ~~the~~ him to be brought
before said Court, and discharged
from his said imprisonment, by
due course of law.

And by way of Amendment to the
foregoing petition, the petitioner
states the Hon. Meray S. Gloucy,
the judge of the Saint Louis County
Criminal Court, is absent from
said County.

Dated at Louis the ^{24th} day of Dec. 1857.
Subscribed & } John Jones other
Sworn to before } wise called John Cook.
Me this 24th } Per V. R. Measium
Dec 1857. } his attorney,
H. Montfort

State of Missouri
County of St Louis } ss "By the Habeas Corpus act"

The State of Missouri to the
Sailor of the County of St Louis greeting

You are hereby commanded that
the body of John Jones Alias John
Cook in the Jail of said County
of St Louis under your custody, detained
as it is said, under safe & secure
conduct, together with the day and
Cause of his being imprisoned and
detained, by whatsoever name the
said John Jones alias John
Cook may be known, you have
before me Henry Dusenbury, The
Law Commissioner of St Louis County
at ~~the~~ my Court room in the Court
House in the City of St Louis in the
said County on the 26th day of
Dec. 1837 at 9 o'clock A.M. to do
and receive what shall then and there be con-
sidered concerning the said John Jones
alias John Cook so imprisoned and de-
tained as aforesaid; and hereof fail
not at your peril

Witness my Signature, this 24th day
of Dec 1837

Henry Dusenbury
Law Com.
St Louis County

In obedience to the Command of the foregoing writ I have the body of the defendant - John Jones hear at open Court and for my return say that he was Comitted to my Custody on the 7 day of Juneth 1857 by Justice Herkenrath on Charg of being a Runaway Slave which warrant of Comitment is hear to anet and made a part of this return This Dec 26th 1857
 Robt J. Logan Sailor
 of St Louis County by Joel L. Musick
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 Dec 1857

"By the Habeas Corpus

Dec 26"

In the matter

of

John Jones & Co

John Cook

Habeas Corpus

writ

Sailor S. L. Co

Rebld Dec 26"

1857 Dec 26th 1857

Dec 24 7th file writ is a 4 p 630
 Dec 26" 57 Case heard
 Pris dishd 4 p 631

The State of Missouri
To James Adams and H. R. Jackson, both of
Adair and to the Keeper of the County Jail of Adair
County, Greeting:

You the said James Adams
and H. R. Jackson, are hereby required and
commanded to take and convey the body of John
Jones, a colored man, to the County Jail of Adair
County and there deliver him to the keeper of
said Jail, who is hereby required and comman-
ded to receive the said John Jones at said
Jail and there safely keep him, until thence
discharged by due course of Law.

This warrant of commitment is issued
by the undersigned Justice, because the said
John Jones was this day brought before the
undersigned Justice by the said James Adams
and H. R. Jackson, and proven upon their
oaths, to be a runaway slave.

Given under my hand this 7th day of
June 1857. —

Wm. H. Crenrath
Justice of the Peace

No 27 May 157

The State

by { Accant of
Commitment

John Jones

Runaway slave

Mr. Herkowitz
Justice

Returned to
Sheriff

In the matter of
The Petition of
John Jones - alias
John Cook - for
a writ of Habeas
Corpus -

Granted
Make the writ returnable
on Saturday 26th
Dec^r inst at 9 o
Clock A.M.

filed Dec 24th 1857
H. Montfort